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Blizzards throw life out of gear in Europe

LONDON, Jan. 8 (R) — Severe weather with blizzards and freezing temperatures swept across Europe Friday, isolating towns and throwing traffic on roads and railways into chaos.

Snow storms covered central and southern Britain, cutting power supplies to 12,000 homes and disrupting communications. London's Heathrow Airport was struggling to keep one of its two runways clear and the other London airport at Gatwick was shut. The blizzards dumped a foot (30 cm) of snow in parts of the southwest of England and strong winds piled snowdrifts eight feet (2.5 meters) deep, cutting off four towns.

Power lines came crashing down under the weight of snow, blacking out 12,000 homes in Devon and Cornwall. Conditions were worst in Wales, with all major roads impassable. Police warned motorists not to attempt traveling under any circumstances.

The heaviest snow storm of the winter shut down all services in the Irish capital, Dublin. In Scotland, the mercury plunged to a bone-chilling 26 degrees below zero Centigrade (minus 15 Fahrenheit), just one degree short of the coldest temperature ever recorded in the British Isles.

Melting snow and rain sent West German rivers surging over their banks, flooding riverside communities and halting barge traffic on the Rhine and its tributaries, police said. In Bonn, sandbag barricades were erected to stop the river from inundating the ground floor of the parliament building. All barge traffic was stopped on the Rhine, Europe's busiest inland waterway which in Cologne had risen 5.5 meters (18 feet) above normal.

River police said fields were flooded as

far as the Dutch border. Many communities bordering the Rhine, Moselle and main rivers were flooded. However, police said the cold snap reaching down from Scandinavia should halt the recent thaw in the hilly south and west and cause the water levels to recede fairly quickly.

A "snow hurricane" has hit the west of the Soviet Union, according to Moscow radio's Kaliningrad correspondent. Telephone and power lines were down and airports and roads closed. There was difficulty delivering food to remote villages and farms, according to the radio, monitored in London.

The cold wave hit Norway four weeks ago and in the east of the country Thursday, temperatures plummeted to minus 50 Centigrade (minus 58 Fahrenheit) in the village of Sel, the lowest on record since 1914, the meteorological office said.

As rescue teams struggled to help flood victims in central France, heavy snow fell on the north of the country. In southwest France, flooding began last month after days of heavy rain. Several districts of Bordeaux have been flooded and farmers evacuated from 230 houses in the Tarn and Garonne areas.

Now rivers in central France have burst their banks. At Poitiers, the Clain rose 4.20 meters (15 feet) above its normal level, flooding dozens of houses, while at nearby Chateaufort police closed the town's three bridges across the River Vienne.

In Seine-Et-Marne, the Marne broke its banks, flooding hundreds of hectares of farmland and isolating several small villages. Meanwhile, the first heavy snow of the winter fell in Paris and blocked roads in Normandy and Brittany.



COVERED IN SNOW: A London policeman is covered in snow while on duty in south London Friday when a snow storm hit London and the southern half of England, causing problems with traffic and people struggling to get to work.

Armed forces growth lauded Fahd discounts secret accords

RIYADH, Jan. 8 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has no secret agreements of any kind with either East or West and has no intention of doing so in the future, according to Crown Prince Fahd.

Addressing the officers and cadets of the Technological Studies Institutes in Dhahran recently, he said that the Kingdom was keen on preserving its freedom, had no designs on the others and does not want any country to interfere in its own internal affairs.

Prince Fahd said that the government has made no secret commitments with any power so that it may remain free to act in the way that serves its national interests.

"Even if the U.S. had refused to sell to us the radar-mounted AWACS planes," he said, "we would not have turned against it." Saudi Arabia was free to buy what it wants from any source of quarter. Similar planes would have been found to serve the purpose of the AWACS, he added.

Stressing the defensive purpose of the planes, Prince Fahd said that they were meant to bolster the capabilities of the armed sources and not for offensive acts. "The aircraft are just for warning against aggression or attack and do not represent any military threat to Israel. But Israel's prime minister said the planes would deprive it of the element of surprise in the event of a planned attack on any Arab country. I find this explanation uglier than the act," he said.

Prince Fahd paid tribute to the Afghan freedom fighters who, he said, have been

battling the Soviet invasion for two years without a break, armed with a religious belief that is motivating them to seek the liberation of their country and people. "This is a great shining example of the resistance of a gallant people against aggression. They have killed thousands of foreign soldiers and inflicted heavy losses on the Soviet Army because they are united in their opposition to foreign domination," he said.

Prince Fahd traced the development of the armed forces and said that a great deal of progress has been achieved in both training and equipment. He said it was easy to acquire modern and sophisticated arms and equipment but that it was more important and of lasting value to train the human resources of the Kingdom in every possible way. "This is our primary concern," he said. "We have already seen the number of students of various standards rise from a few thousands 25 years ago to 1.4 million males and 700,000 female students at present."

The standard of training and preparedness of the Saudi Arabian soldiers and officers have similarly risen in the past few years thanks to the hard work and perseverance of those in the leadership beginning with Defense Minister Prince Sultan and his aides. "I have seen the preparations that have been made to receive the F.15 warplanes ordered from the U.S. and felt proud of those in charge of them as well of other aspects of the armed forces."

With 9.5m idle

U.S. joblessness hit record

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP) — The United States' unemployment rate surged to 8.9 percent in December as joblessness among adult men, historically the most stable element of the labor force, set a post-World War II record, the Labor Department reported Friday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics said the half-percentage-point jump — from 8.4 percent to 8.9 percent overall — left close to 9.5 million Americans out of work as the economy plunged into a deepening recession.

The agency said the number of "discouraged workers" rose by about 15,000 in the fourth quarter of 1981, to 1.2 million, the highest level recorded since the government began keeping those statistics in 1970. Discouraged workers are classified as those who report to government surveyors that they

want to find work but have given up the search in futility.

Black unemployment reached 17.4 percent last month, another post-war record.

Department analysts said the overall jobless rate last month approached the 9 percent high in May 1975, toward the end of a months-long recession brought on by the Arab oil embargo.

If unemployment exceeds 9 percent — as many private economists predict it will this year — it will reach the highest level since the government began keeping month-to-month figures in the late 1940s.

Since July, the department said, more than two million Americans have been thrown out of work and the unemployment rate has shot up almost two full percentage points.

Russia raises spy charges after four years

MOSCOW, Jan. 8 (AP) — The Soviet Union charged Friday that its security forces had caught several U.S. spies "of late ... red-handed" but listed names of Americans who were last in Moscow at least four years ago.

The Communist Party newspaper *Pravda*, in its most vigorous attack against alleged American espionage in the Soviet Union in at least two years, charged the Central Intelligence Agency with a campaign directed at "secret information about the defense potential, the armed forces, about tarts earmarked by the Pentagon for nuclear strikes and about the economy" of the Soviet Union.

The newspaper mentioned, however, names of American diplomats who were last in the Soviet capital in 1975 and 1977. *Pravda* listed the names "Kelly and his wife," "Martha Peterson," and "Vincent and Becky Crockett." Published diplomatic lists show an Edmund Kelly was American military attaché here in 1975. Martha D. Peterson was a 3rd secretary who left the Soviet Union in the summer of 1977. The Crockett couple do not appear on diplomatic lists but sources said they were attached to the U.S. Embassy in 1977. The sources also confirmed the *Pravda* attack apparently referred to Edmund

W. Kelly and Martha D. Peterson.

Pravda said "Kelly and his wife, who are CIA staffers, were detained at the time when they were placing instructions and espionage materials for agents of the U.S. intelligence. Attaché of the U.S. Embassy Martha Peterson was expelled from the USSR for espionage activities. Soon afterward Soviet security bodies uncovered another spying couple, Vincent and Becky Crockett."

The American Embassy refused to comment on the *Pravda* charges as a matter of policy against answering Soviet claims about U.S. espionage. In 1978, *Izvestia*, the Soviet government newspaper, charged that Martha Peterson was expelled for espionage activities and that the then-American Ambassador Malcolm Milton had requested that the matter be kept quiet.

The *Izvestia* charges then came just over a week after the United States revealed the discovery in the Moscow Embassy of secret Soviet listening devices reached by an underground tunnel that led from the embassy building to an adjoining apartment building. The *Pravda* attack Friday came less than a week after Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director William H. Webster suggested that several hundred Soviet KGB

agents were working in the United States, many of them diplomats.

Pravda charged, "espionage, sabotage and terror, slander and misinformation with the use of the radio, the use of radio-electronic equipment, of the latest means of technology and chemistry, spy satellites, ships and aircraft, buildings of official representations crammed with special instruments, numerous bases for radio intelligence close to the Soviet borders — all this put at the service of espionage and subversive activity against the USSR."

After focusing on the Americans, *Pravda* devoted even more space in the same article to V.G. Kalinin, Soviet citizen convicted in 1975 of spying for the United States. "He was detained while taking an espionage container out of a cache. Faced with irrefutable evidence of his criminal activity, Kalinin had to admit his espionage activities, his ties with representatives of the CIA. He pleaded guilty to committing the most grievous crime against the motherland — espionage."

The military collegium of the USSR Supreme Court sentenced V. Kalinin to the highest measure of punishment — execution by a firing squad.

World Bank plans change

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (R) — The World Bank, in a move that could have economic ramifications in the Third World, said Friday it might make major changes in the way it borrowed and lent money.

World Bank President Clausen told an economic seminar that the bank was considering changing its traditional approach under which it borrowed and lent money on a long-term basis at a fixed rate of interest. "Today's volatile market conditions are forcing us to consider whether we should introduce a degree of variability into our lending rates, as well as whether we should tap the more plentiful short-term market," he said.

Clausen, who took over as president six months ago after a career at the Bank of America, said the World Bank was also considering a system which could force countries to repay loans faster.

The World Bank helps developing countries financially in three ways. It lends money, through its main bank operations, gives long-term interest-free credits through the International Development Association (IDA), and provides assistance for private-sector development through the International Finance Corporation.

But the bank has recently come under economic pressure, particularly from the United States, its largest member, and has had to take measures to maintain its financial strength. The Reagan administration, in an attempt to improve its domestic budget, has delayed part of the U.S. contribution to the IDA and has urged that the role of the World Bank should be re-examined.

Several conservative members of Congress and some of President Reagan's aides have questioned giving money to international aid organizations because some countries receiving the funds opposed the aims of U.S. foreign policy. Deputy U.S. Treasury Secretary R.T. McNamara told the seminar earlier that the Reagan administration believed private banks should play a bigger role in lending money to the World Bank.

He said it was also examining the legality of allowing U.S. pension funds and life insurance companies to co-finance loans with the bank.

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In People's Daily report China party cadres termed corrupt, disloyal

PEKING, Jan. 8 (AFP) — All is not well among China's cadres, some of whom were accused Friday of faults ranging from opposition to the post-Mao regime to bribery and corruption.

And some of the fault may lie with officials charged with overseeing discipline among party cadres, but who are reluctant to take action. A *People's Daily* report Friday on a recent meeting of the central party commission on discipline said that a "small minority" of cadres opposed the central committee policy and the "four fundamental principles" of

the Communist regime.

The commission cited an unidentified local official who "openly attacks the central committee" but against whom the disciplinary commission "has so far remained powerless." The meeting, attended by some 50 persons, was held in the wake of a public announcement a few weeks ago by Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang of a forthcoming purge aimed at "overcoming bureaucracy and improving efficiency" in state services.

Other "unhealthy" phenomena spotted among China's 20 million cadres included

influence peddling, black marketeering, embezzlement and corruption. *The People's Daily* said.

The People's Daily said that the party's working style had scarcely improved over the past three years, partially because of the "timorous" attitude of certain cadres responsible for discipline. Participants at the central committee meeting stressed it was difficult to criticize leading cadres of the older generation for violations of party discipline by themselves or their families.

The newspaper mentioned the case of a top executive in a joint enterprise involved in major infrastructure works who, the report said, lived permanently at company expense in Peking's best hotel despite intervention by a local discipline commission. "Such cadres forget that our party's goal is to serve the people. They think only of their own egotistical interests such as tickets to shows, apartments or their children's education," it said.

Iran-Iraq war gladdens Israel

TEL AVIV, Jan. 8 (R) — Israel's chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Rafael Eitan, was quoted Friday as saying it was a pleasure to see the Iraqis and Iranians killing each other and it was unlikely the Gulf war would end soon.

Interviewed by the afternoon daily *Yediot Aharonot*, Gen. Eitan was asked whether Iraq and Iran might reach a ceasefire and join forces against Israel.

"In theory, this could happen but I do not see any sign that would indicate in that direction," Eitan said. "There have been some mediation attempts but those two sides are so stubborn that it is a pleasure to see them killing each other — let them continue."

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China to ask Kingdom for \$100m loan

By a Staff Writer

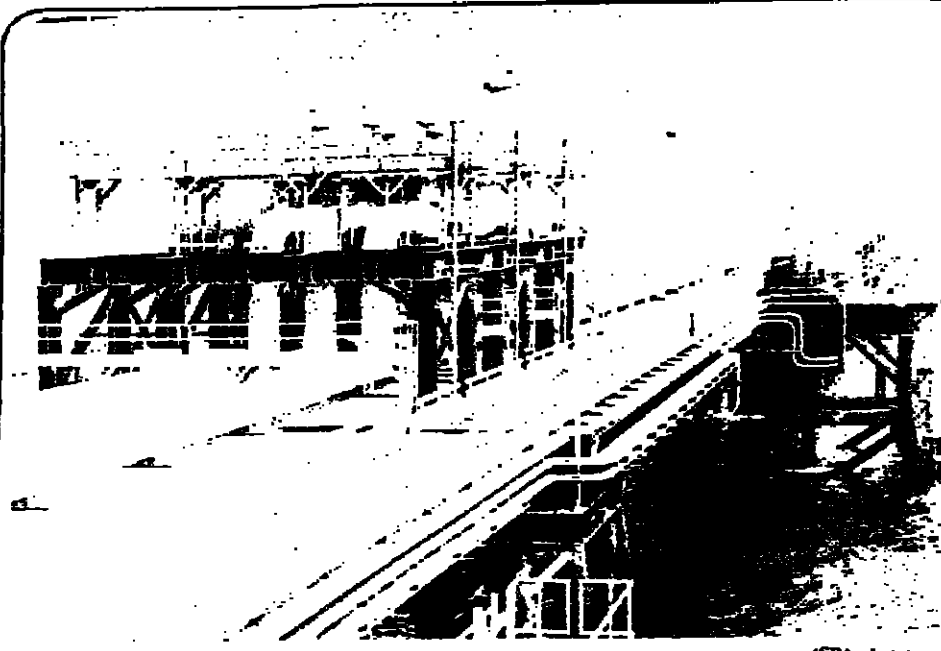
JEDDAH, Jan. 8 — The meetings of the joint Saudi-Sino Economic and Technical Cooperation Commission, due to start here Saturday, the Republic of China will request a \$100 million loan from the Kingdom.

According to *Saudi Business* magazine published here Saturday the loan is requested for a telecommunications project in Taiwan. The magazine said the Taiwan side also will ask the Saudi Arabian government's permission for two more Chinese banks to serve as guarantors for the Chinese construction firms operating in the Kingdom.

The joint commission, in its sixth session, will be co-chaired by Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khalil and Chinese Economics Minister William Chao.

This year's session will center on technology and science, posts and telecommunications, communications, trade and industry, agriculture, finance and shipping. The Kingdom's delegation will include Dr. Rida Obeid, director of the National Science and Technology Center; Muhammad Al-Sughair, undersecretary for economic affairs; Dr. Nasser Al-Salloum, deputy communications minister; Tawfiq Ibrahim Tawfiq, commerce ministry supplies undersecretary; Samir Hamid Banaja, director general of posts; in addition to representatives of the ministries of planning, industry, electricity, foreign, agriculture and water.

The magazine also quoted the Chinese Central News Agency (CNA) as saying that Petromin has notified the Chinese Petroleum Corporation that prices of Arabian medium and heavy crude were to be cut by 30 to 60 cents per barrel beginning January. However, the price of Arabian light will be maintained at the current \$34 per barrel rate. After the reduction, medium will fall to \$32.40 from \$33 and heavy to \$31 from \$31.50 per barrel.



TERMINAL: A view of Petroline at Yanbu port terminal along the Red Sea coast of the Kingdom which provides an alternative export outlet for the country's oil exports. The oil will be transported from the Gulf coast through the 1,220-km pipeline which cost \$1.6 billion and took four and a half years to complete.

Nepalese to explore trade chances

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 8 — A trade delegation from the Kingdom of Nepal will arrive here Jan. 24 to explore business possibilities, according to a Nepalese embassy statement Friday.

Firm to buy old gas cylinders

RIYADH, Jan. 8 (SPA) — The Saudi Iron and Steel Company, a SABIC subsidiary, will buy old gas cylinders used by the National Gas and Industrialization Company as scrap iron, according to an agreement signed here this week between the two firms.

The cylinders will be melted in electric furnaces to produce more than 4,500 tons a year of steel products of various types.

the Kingdom, will be led by the permanent undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce and Civil Supplies S. K. Malla, who will hold talks with officials of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Commerce, as well as businessmen.

Malla will extend invitations to a number of businessmen and officials to visit Nepal and study at first hand the export potential of the country which includes agricultural products, handicraft and woollen carpets, some of which are being exported to India and China.

The delegation will consist of Govinda Man Maskey, general manager of Nepal's National Corporation, Shanta Ram Bhandari, chief executive of the trade promotion organization and N. K. Agarwall, a leading businessman and member of the chamber of commerce and industry.

ISF council meets to discuss aid budget

By Ahmad Shaaban

JEDDAH, Jan. 8 — The permanent council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund begins a three-day meeting here Saturday to discuss a proposed \$19.2 million budget for 1981 \$2 to sponsor Islamic propagation and Arabic language activities and aid Muslims throughout the world. The fund also has other ambitious cultural programs. Last year's budget was only \$15.5 million.

ISF officials told *Arab News* that the fund, approved by the Lahore Islamic Summit in 1974 and operating since 1976, is allocating \$4 million in the new budget estimates to alleviate the sufferings of Muslim victims of natural catastrophes and man-made disasters.

Last year, the fund spent \$3,098,455 on this chapter. It gave \$558,455 for the Muslims of Uganda; \$500,000 for the earthquake victims in the Algerian city of Al-Asnam; \$300,000 to Somalia; \$300,000 to Djibouti; \$80,000 for refugees in Djibouti; \$200,000 to the Moro National Liberation Front of the Philippines; \$100,000 for the Chad refugees in the Cameroun; \$150,000 for Muslim refugees in Sudan; \$120,000 to the Mauritanian Red Crescent; and \$70,000 to Perkim Organization in Malaysia for the benefit of Cambodian Muslims.

It also provided \$200,000 for Afghan refugees in Pakistan; \$180,000 for the victims of the Israeli aggression in Southern Lebanon; \$120,000 for victims of meningitis epidemic in Mali; \$120,000 for food requirements in Guinea Bissau; and \$100,000 to Somalia. The officials said that though the amounts are not great, they symbolize Islamic solidarity.

During its 19th session, the council will also name delegations to visit the member states and urge them to support the resources of the fund which depends solely on voluntary contributions. The Third Islamic Summit in Makkah last year had urged Islamic states to increase their donations to the ISF. Dates are to be fixed for the fund-raising missions.

The fund will also study a proposal by the Riyadh-based World Assembly of Muslim Youths (WAMY) to dispatch an Islamic

medical mission in West Africa to provide treatment for the poor.

The council will follow up the establishment of an Islamic university in Niger for which a \$18.5 million contract was signed at the Islamic Secretariat last Nov. 14 as part of the first phase which will cost \$23 million. It will be completed within 24 months. The overall project will cost about \$60 million.

A high-level delegation from Uganda, led by a minister, also arrived here last Monday to brief the meeting on how the government envisages the establishment of a similar university in that country for which the ISF has already provided \$8 million. Somalia also will propose to the council the creation of an Islamic university in Mogadishu.

Also high on the agenda will be the issue of the creation of an Islamic American College in Chicago whose constituent meeting was held last August. Its director also has been named. Former heavy weight boxing champion Muhammad Ali Clay donated the build-

ings for the college which will mainly train teachers.

ISF Council members are Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Iraq, Tunisia, Libya, Mauritania, Sudan, Turkey, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Comoro Republic, Djibouti, the Council President and the secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. Final preparations were reviewed for the meeting a few days ago by the OIC secretary general, Habib Chatti, in Cleveland, Ohio, where he is convalescing from a heart surgery. He will be represented at the meeting by Bakary Drame, his assistant who travelled to the United States to brief him on the arrangements.

Saturday's meeting also will take up the results of a youth camp for Asians held in Malaysia last August and will fix the timetable for concerned committees which will meet at the OIC Secretariat to scrutinize aid requests to the fund from Islamic associations the world over.

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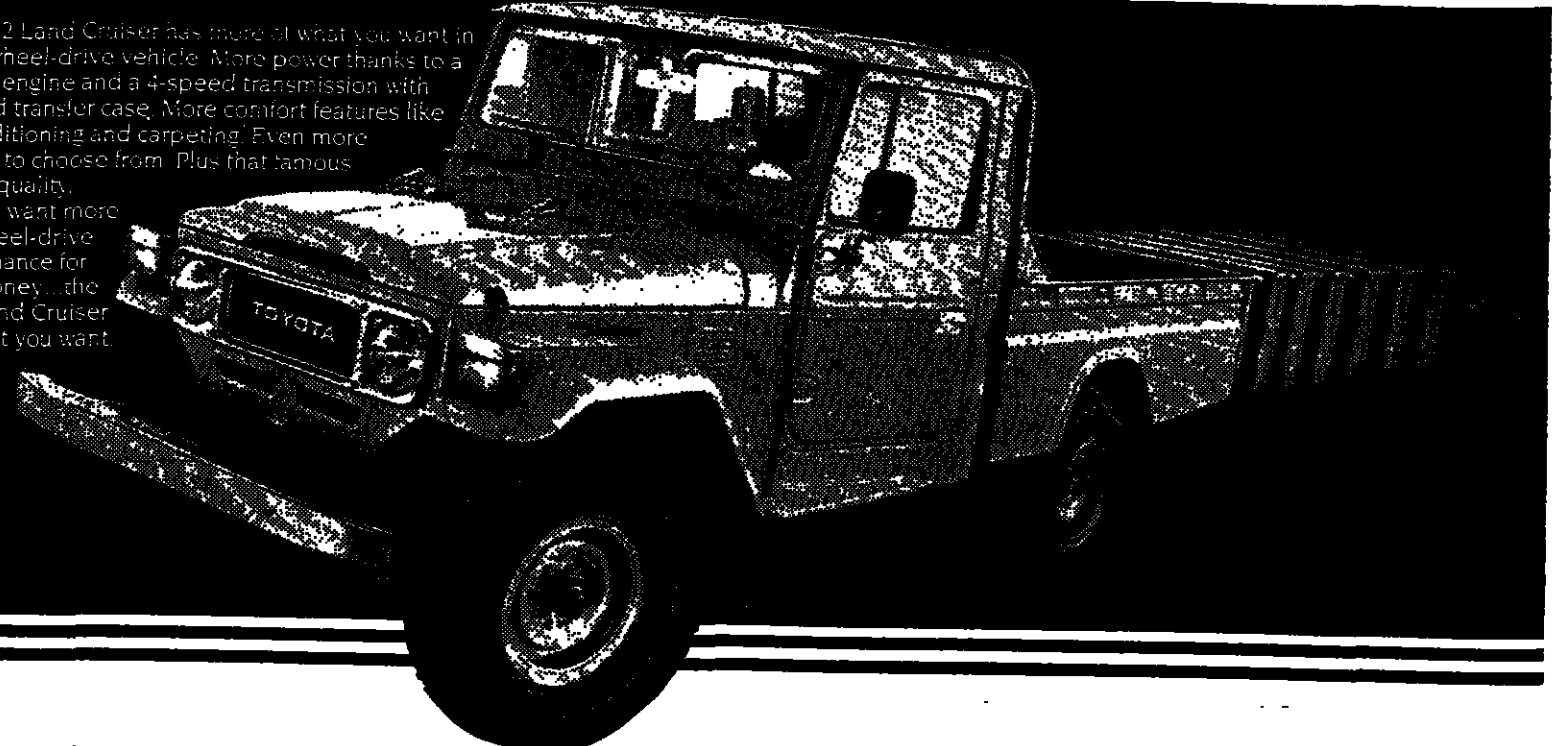
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Sudan universities closed indefinitely

KHARTOUM, Jan. 8 (Agencies) — Sudanese universities were closed indefinitely Friday following four days of student demonstrations against price rises, state-run Omdurman radio reported.

The radio carried statements by the vice chancellors of Khartoum University, Omdurman, Islamic University, the Khartoum Polytechnic and the Khartoum branch of Cairo University announcing the indefinite closures.

Khartoum was quiet Thursday after police dispersed some 200-300 Khartoum University students. Hospital sources said one student was killed and two wounded by gunfire on Wednesday when police confronted some 2,000 — 4,000 students who marched around the city protesting President Jaafar Numeiri's economic austerity measures.

In their broadcast Friday the vice chancellors of Khartoum and Omdurman Universities said members of their administration had also been injured.

The demonstrations were sparked by the government's Jan. 1 announcement of a 62.5 percent increase in sugar prices, to about 30 cents a pound (66 cents per kilo), the earlier devaluation of the Sudanese pound and resulting rises in oil and other prices.

The protests are also linked to economic austerity measures at the universities, such as the cancellation of free travel home for the end-of-semester break.

Sudan's Commissioner Ahmad Sheikh Idris Manaa was quoted by Omdurman radio as saying the student protest was instigated by "saboteur elements to escalate (the anger at) the increase in sugar prices into a political cause against the government."

Manaa also gave the first official confirmation of the death of one person in Wednesday's unrest. He said one police officer and six policemen were hurt in Wednesday's clashes when students attacked their person-carrier with molotov cocktails and stones, according to the statement carried by Omdurman radio.

BRIEFS

BEIRUT, (R) — Volunteers from seven Arab countries Friday headed for the Gulf war front as part of Iraq's popular army, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported. It said the fighters came from Egypt, Syria, Sudan, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia. In addition to Palestinian, Eritrean and Iraqi volunteers.

AMMAN, (AP) — Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo arrived here from Saudi

Arabia for talks with Jordanian officials on ways to bolster cooperation between the two countries in the technical, political and economic fields, official sources here said Friday.

WASHINGTON, (R) — President Reagan will confer with President Muhammad Siad Barre of Somalia in Washington on March 11, the White House has announced.

Beirut truce shattered by new fighting

BEIRUT, Jan. 8 (AP) — Warring militiamen from the Shiite Amal movement and Communist and pro-Iraqi factions clashed again with machine gun and mortar fire Friday, shattering a Syrian-sponsored ceasefire which had briefly halted three days of street battles in Beirut, a police spokesman reported.

The spokesman, who refused to be named in keeping with Lebanese government regulations, said new fighting broke out at mid-morning in Zikak al-Balat and Batrakieh neighborhoods hardly eight hours after Syrian peacekeeping forces disengaged the combatants in five other neighborhoods in west Beirut.

The spokesman said the Lebanese government was undertaking "urgent contacts" with leaders of the antagonists to re-instate the ceasefire, the second since Tuesday night.

There was no immediate report of casualties in Friday's fighting. The spokesman said a total of 14 persons were killed and 53 wounded in the last three days of street clashes before armored Syrian units moved in before dawn to set up buffer zones in five major embattled neighborhoods.

Some 7,000 families spent the cold rainy night in basements and bomb shelters as the combatants traded grenade assaults on each other's offices behind mortar barrages in the densely populated neighborhoods of Khadak el-Ghameek, Basta, Mussaitbeh, Mar Elias and Hayel-Lija, the spokesman said.

Fire engines put out the blaze in scores of office and apartment buildings set afire as the fighting reached its peak of intensity Thursday evening, closing all five stricken neighborhoods to traffic. The areas still were cordoned off Friday morning by Syrian armored cars but the guns had fallen silent, according to the spokesman.

The fighting pitted Amal's militiamen against the private armies of the pro-Moscow Organization of Communist Action in Lebanon (OCAL) and the pro-Iraqi Lebanese Socialist Baath Party.

Amal and OCAL accused each other of shooting first. The Baathists joined the battle on OCAL's side on Thursday. The conflict was seen by neutral Beirut observers as part of an ongoing power struggle for dominance within the 950,000-strong Shiite sect by the three groups.

The Communists and Amal have frequently clashed in Beirut since last fall. The feud between Baathists and Amal was sharpened by the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq war in September 1980.

Clashes between Baathists and Amal claimed more than 100 lives in Beirut and other Lebanese cities by local newspaper estimates last year.

Moscow-tailored plan

Karmal 'reorganizes' party

NEW DELHI, Jan. 8 (AFP) — The Afghan government has confirmed reports that it has begun reorganizing the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA), a move which could have a far-reaching effect on the domestic situation in that strife-torn country.

The Moscow-tailored reorganization plan, formulated last October, was unveiled last week when the state-owned Kabul radio broadcast the proceedings of a ceremony for the distribution of new party membership cards.

"The distribution of party cards is not a technical affair, but it is a summing up of all measures and steps toward further organizational consolidation of party ranks," President Babrak Karmal was quoted as saying in the government-owned newspaper *Kabul Times* of Jan. 4.

A copy of the newspaper reached the Indian capital Friday from Kabul, where the Soviet-backed regime bars resident Western correspondents. Diplomats and area analysts said the reorganization plan was aimed at reducing the influence of the relatively independent Khalq faction, which is opposed to Karmal's Parcham faction in the party, and at

purging members of doubtful allegiance to Moscow.

"The members will be receiving cards on the basis of their just and objective conduct and comprehensive evaluation of their activities and their participation in party organization," Karmal, who received membership card No. 1 during the ceremony, reportedly said.

"The PDPA Central Committee categorically points out that no violation of the principles, standards and constitution and no incorrect action should be permitted in this work...Today we should explicitly talk about it, so that all organization and party committees should perceive more clearly the duties facing them," he said. The newspaper front-paged the text of Karmal's speech.

Observers say Karmal's action may lead to the birth of a relatively faction-free, and staunchly pro-Moscow Communist Party in Afghanistan. Factional fighting in the PDPA has been one of the many major problems facing the Soviets since their troops marched into Afghanistan on Dec. 27, 1979. Efforts to win over the Khalq faction by urging them to abandon their more independent line were rather unsuccessful.

Turkey accuses Greece of hostile stand

ANKARA, Jan. 8 (AP) — Turkish Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen was quoted Friday as saying Turkey had "exploited all means" to reduce existing tensions with the new Greek government of Premier Andreas Papandreu.

In an interview with the Ankara-based Anka news agency, Turkmen said he wanted "to maintain the hope that 1982 will witness a lessening of tensions with Greece."

Six Baha'i leaders executed in Iran

LONDON, Jan. 8 (R) — Iranian firing squads have shot six more leaders of the Baha'i sect, according to a Baha'i statement issued in London Friday which accused Iran's government of trying to root it out.

The Baha'is form the biggest minority sect in the country whose ruling Shiite Muslim clericalmen consider it heretical. The faith was founded only in the 19th century.

The statement, issued by the Baha'i National Assembly, said the six, five men and a woman, were arrested last month and

executed Jan. 4. A woman in whose house they were seized had also been put to death, the statement said. It said revolutionary courts had sentenced them to death without charges and without a trial.

The Baha'is statement said: "The Iranian government seems determined to pursue its systematic campaign aimed at the extermination of the Baha'is in Iran by executing their prominent members, confiscating all Baha'i properties and persecuting the 300,000 Baha'is in that country."

British MPs tour Golan Heights

TEL AVIV, Jan. 8 (AP) — A British Conservative Party delegation, consisting of members of the British and European parliaments, became the first official foreign visitors Friday to tour the Golan Heights since Israel annexed them last month, Israel radio reported.

Several members of the 20-man delegation

said they supported the annexation of the Golan, the state radio said.

John Taylor, a member of the European parliament in Strasbourg, said there was broad support for the annexation among the rank and file members of the European parliament.

Iraq resumes pumping oil to Lebanon

BEIRUT, Jan. 8 (R) — A vital pipeline carrying Iraqi oil to the Lebanese port of Tripoli reopened Friday, five days after being blown up by unidentified saboteurs, a Lebanese oil official said. Walid Nawlawi, director of oil installations in Tripoli, told Reuters by telephone that engineers had successfully tested the repaired section of pipe Friday morning and pumping of Iraqi crude to Tripoli had resumed.

A separate explosion Thursday in Turkey closed a pipeline carrying Iraqi oil to the Turkish coast. Authorities in Ankara said the pipeline to Yumurtalik was being repaired but there was still no indication whether the blast was an accident or sabotage.

Pipelines to the Mediterranean through Turkey, Syria and Lebanon have been Iraq's only means of exporting oil since late 1980, when its main terminals on the Gulf were closed by war with Iran. There are two networks, one to Yumurtalik in Turkey and the other to Baniyas in Syria with a spur to Tripoli.

The Tripoli branch had been operating only 10 days when it was blown up. It had been out of action for five years because of factional fighting in Lebanon and disputes between Syria and Iraq over transit dues.

Iraqi oil exports have fallen recently to about 600,000 barrels per day (BPD) from more than three million before the Gulf war and Baghdad had been counting on the reopening of the Tripoli route to bring a significant increase.

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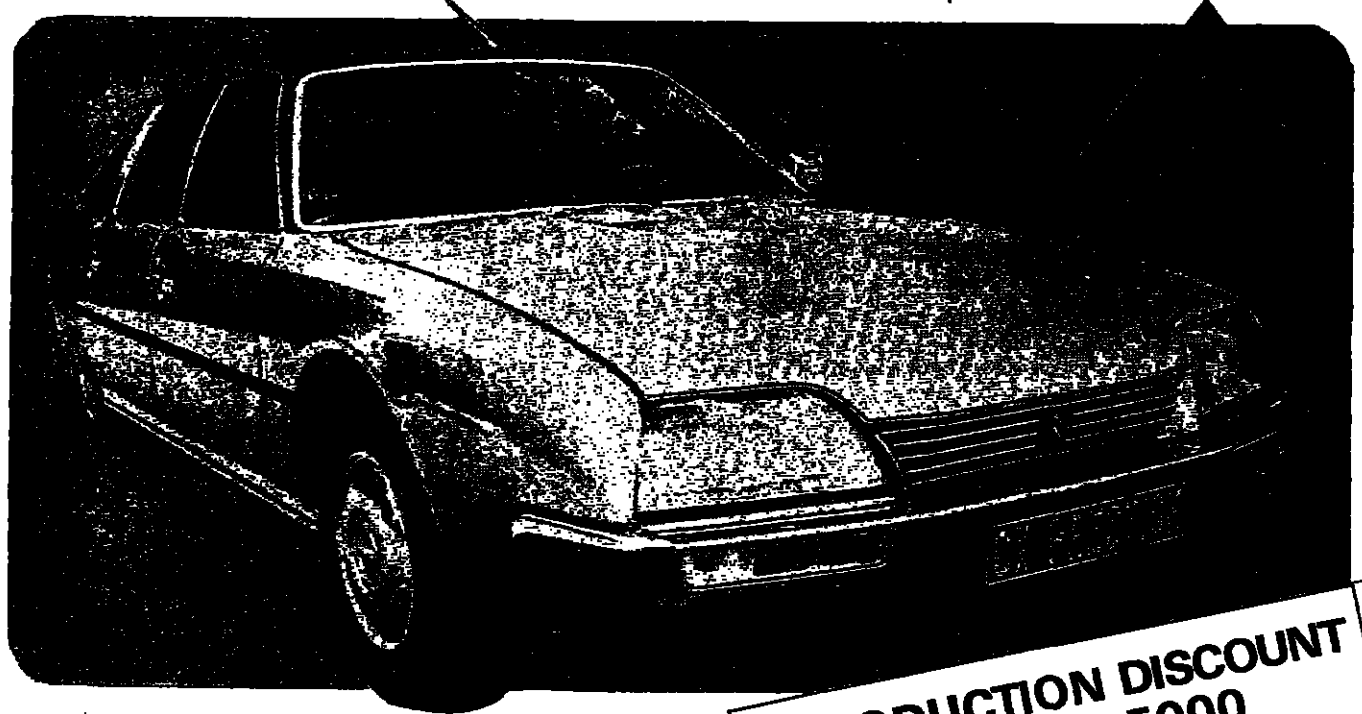
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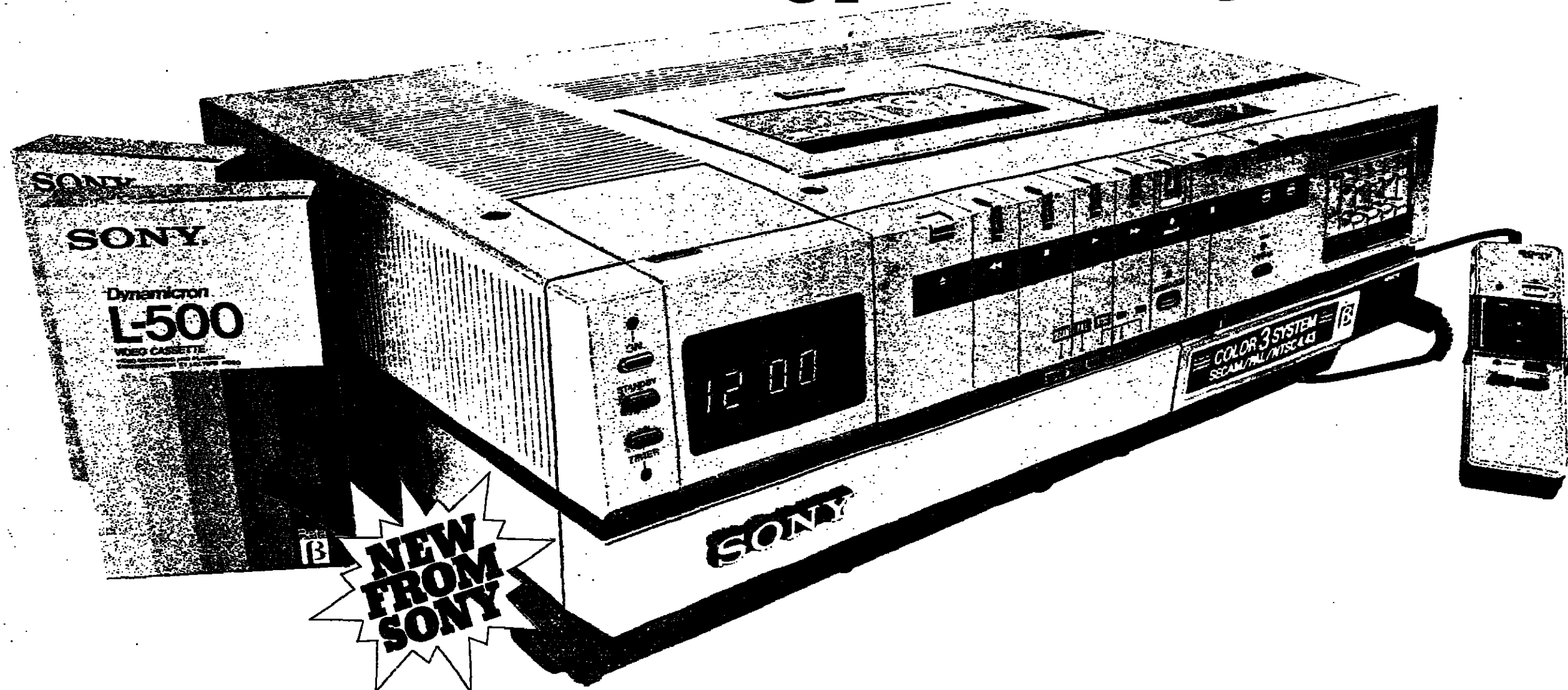
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BONN STAND ON POLAND

Unlike the American view, the West German attitude to the Polish crisis is that of extending further aid to the stricken country, in the hope that this will eventually ease the pressure of the military regime. For the Germans, economic sanctions against Poland and the Soviet Union can only be counter-productive.

The West German view also conforms with the view of the EEC as a whole. Further aid to Poland has already been agreed. But it is going to be conditional upon certain changes in the country's economic and social policies; changes which are designed to ensure the country's emergence from its present collapse.

The remarkable thing is that such conditions were not laid by the private Western European and American banks as they extend their \$17 billion to Poland, nor by Western governments as they underwrote a further \$10 billion. The reason for this neglect was said at the time to be "political." But it did mean that the West abandoned a legitimate card which could have impelled previous Polish governments toward reform much earlier on.

The West German government is, therefore, only exercising its rights as one of Poland's main backers when it is asking for policies which ensure that the money is effectively spent — a wise move even if it comes so late in the day.

Saudi Arabian press review

Friday's two newspapers *Okaz* and *Al-Jazirah* commented on the Security Council's debate on Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights and on the council's stand on imposing full-scale sanctions against Israel if it fails to rescind its decision.

Okaz said Israel would not have taken such a decision and ignored the Security Council's resolution last month to rescind its annexation move, had it been faced with a unified Arab stance.

"The Arabs' differences and their delay in adopting a unified position on handling the Arab-Israeli conflict have encouraged Israel to challenge the Arabs and take such annexation decisions which are contrary to international law and relevant United Nations resolutions," the paper said.

The paper noted that the split in Arab ranks has encouraged the big powers to go ahead with their blind backing of the Zionist entity.

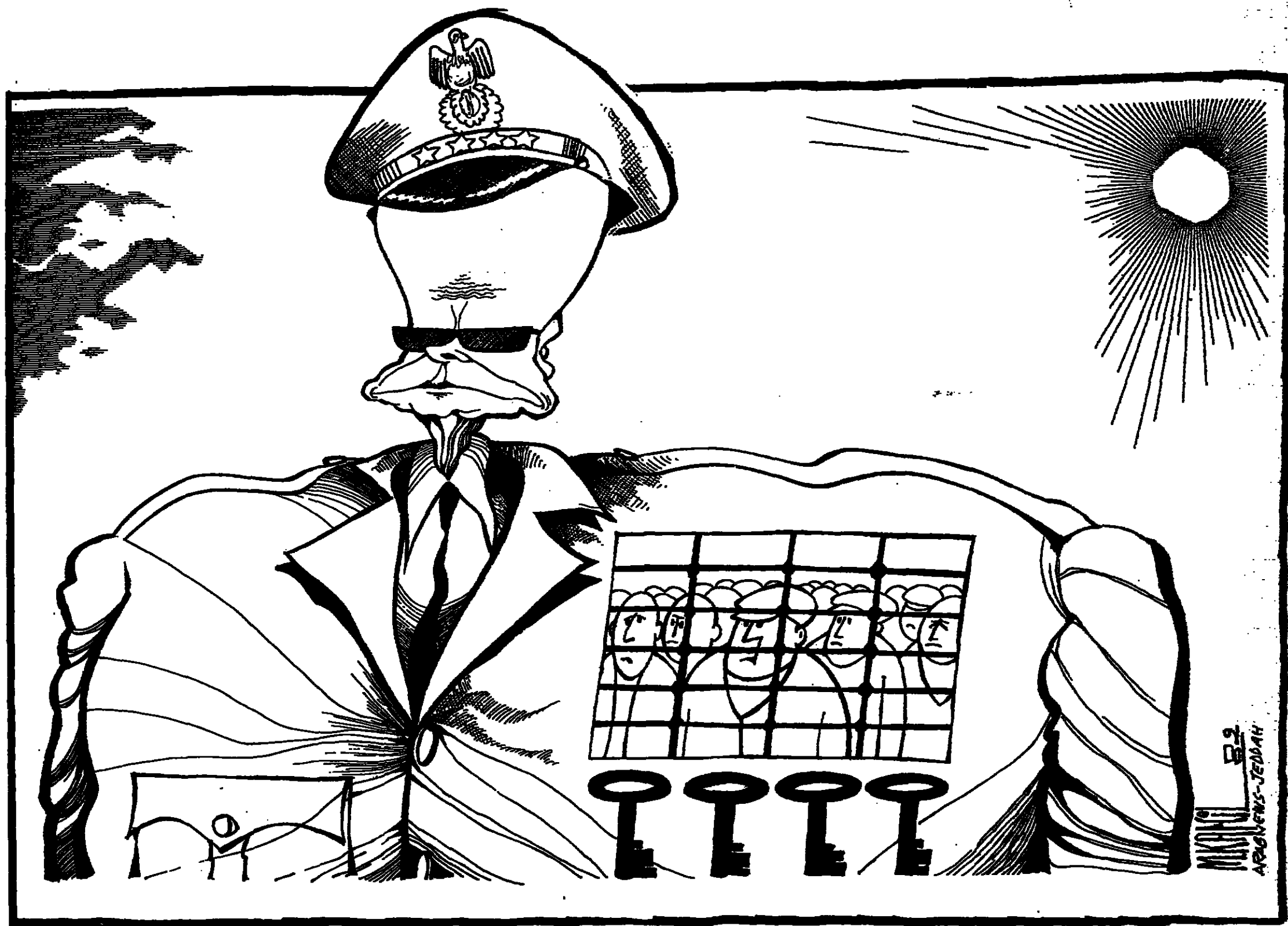
Warning against the dangerous situation in the Middle East which may have a harmful impact, not only on the present Arab genera-

tion but also on the future ones, the paper urged the Arab countries to unify their ranks and place their greater interests above all considerations.

"The Saudi Arabian peace plan for the Mideast, based on the relevant Arab summit resolutions, can make the international community heed the voice of the Arabs and foil the Zionist ambitions against the Arab nation," the paper said.

Referring to remarks made by Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo during his visit to the Kingdom, *Al-Jazirah* hoped Italy will play a constructive role within the EEC based on the Italian political outlook on the Mideast.

Commenting on Colombo's reiteration of his country's backing to the peace plan, the paper said Italy's support for the formula which has become an Arab plan "is another evidence of the international backing to the plan since it ensures the restoration of the legitimate Arab rights and seeks to achieve a just and lasting solution of the Mideast problem." (SPA)



USSR disappointed with West Europe's stand on Poland

By Richard Balmforth

MOSCOW — After initial optimism, the Soviet Union appears to have given up hopes of preventing the military crackdown in Poland from damaging its relations with Western Europe. Western diplomats say. The clearest signal of Moscow's disappointment came in a commentary by the official news agency Tass, issued Tuesday night and published prominently Wednesday that accused the European Common Market countries of interfering in Poland's affairs.

Though Moscow has traded charges freely with Washington since martial law was declared in Poland on Dec. 13, it has until now ignored Western European criticism of events there. It has maintained that the issue was a domestic matter for Poles in which the Soviet Union played no part.

And without disguising its satisfaction at decisive action which it saw as long overdue, the Kremlin rejected Washington's charges that it had foreknowledge of the crackdown.

The Soviet media have denounced U.S. sanctions against Moscow and Poland and predicted they will end in failure, but analysts say that Washington's reprisals were no more than Moscow expected.

The Kremlin, however, appears to have been

expecting a very different stand from Western Europe. Diplomats say Moscow clearly hoped the European Economic Community (EEC) would divorce itself from the U.S. reprisals, creating a rift in the Western camp over Poland.

But EEC ministers meeting in Brussels last Monday adopted a dual stand which clearly fell well short of Kremlin hopes of a row between the U.S. and its allies. While the ministers took no concrete action, they pledged to refrain from undercutting the U.S. sanctions, condemned military repression in Poland and threatened the Kremlin with economic reprisals if it intervened.

The Tass commentary, clearly sanctioned at a high level, said the EEC ministers had had the audacity to express disapproval of Polish events and to tell the Polish authorities how to handle their own affairs.

Tass went on: "If the unskilled 'advice' is cleared of its hypocritical cover, its essence amounts to demands for freedom of action for those who have tried in every way to plunge Poland in economic collapse and chaos and pursued, with the support of certain circles in the West, a line of undermining the Polish Socialist state."

Tass accused the EEC countries of unceremoni-

ous interference in Poland's affairs and said their words echoed gross attacks by the U.S. It charged that they were violating the Helsinki agreements on international conduct, saying their final communiqué contained barely-veiled threats and warnings to Poland and its allies.

But referring to the Europeans' decision not to impose direct sanctions, Tass said: "This seems to reflect widespread understanding in Western Europe that preservation of cooperation, including economic, with Socialist states is important for West European countries' own long-term interests." This phrase indicated Moscow had little fear of effective trade sanctions being applied by Europe.

But the harsh tone of the Tass commentary generally contrasted with earlier Soviet comment that suggested the West Europeans would reject any association with the American action.

On the eve of the EEC meeting, a Soviet television commentator said the Western allies assessed the U.S. measures as crude interference, and were trying to avoid confrontation with the East bloc in the interests of détente.

Western businessmen and diplomats believe that in spite of the EEC's pledge not to undercut U.S. sanctions, West European governments may find it

difficult to block business deals effectively.

But the diplomats said Moscow had probably been counting on greater disarray in the ranks of the Western allies, similar to that over U.S. sanctions after Moscow's military intervention in Afghanistan in 1980. They believe that Moscow had been counting on a tough line by Bonn against the American position. It will clearly be disappointed that West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has apparently moved closer to Washington on key aspects of the Polish crisis.

A joint statement by Schmidt and President Reagan after talks in Washington Tuesday indicated that Bonn now agrees with the U.S. view that the Soviet Union is responsible for events in Poland.

Until recently, Moscow also turned a blind eye to the French stand on the Polish crisis. But it broke its silence last Monday, charging Paris with impudent interference in Poland.

The Soviet government newspaper *Izvestia* accused officials in President Francois Mitterrand's government of dictating what should be done in Warsaw as if Poland was a French department (province). Mitterrand has condemned the military crackdown, which he said had meant the loss of public, collective and individual liberties. (R)

Polish army fails to shatter loyalty to Solidarity

By Brian Mooney

WARSAW —

Poland's martial law authorities are having only limited success in breaking the loyalty of detained trade union activists to the Solidarity movement, according to union members released from detention. They say that all internees — the number held since the Dec. 13 military takeover runs into thousands — are being asked to sign pledges of loyalty to the Communist government. But most are refusing.

Although some of those who refuse have been released along with those who have signed the pledge, Solidarity sources say that their prospects of resuming normal work are virtually nil. The sources said the number of workers sacked from their jobs already ran into thousands. At this level coercion seems to be almost entirely centered on the threat of a lost job or lost livelihood. Many released inter-

nees said they had been basically well treated and that they had not been put under overt pressure.

But at the same time Polish courts are working through hundreds of cases of offenders brought before them under martial law regulations. The Warsaw Voivodship (provincial) court had 100 cases on its books up to last Monday and state television said Thursday that 424 cases had already been dealt with throughout the country.

Some Solidarity activists sentenced by these courts for offenses such as organizing sit-in strikes at factories and mines have been sent to jail for as long as seven years.

But when he met ambassadors of the 10 European Economic Community states here on Monday Poland's military ruler, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski said there had been no executions and that sentences passed so far had been lenient, according to diplomatic sources. They said the general seemed to

be comparing Polish practice favorably with the Stalinist purges that have taken place elsewhere in the Communist bloc in the past or the repressive measures used after some recent coups in Latin America.

The sources said that, with the internal situation still in an impasse, Jaruzelski had no new ideas to offer the ambassadors except to suggest that Poland might be ready to let some of the more radical Solidarity leaders take refuge abroad.

Meanwhile, the authorities still seem to have made no headway in persuading Solidarity leader Lech Walesa and other leading activists whom they regard as moderate to come to terms with martial law. While the central command structure seems to have broken down, the union survives in small cells, operating resistance-style, circulating censored bulletins to rally opposition to the military takeover.

The Roman Catholic Church continues to have

access to all major internment centers and priests say conditions are on the whole good. Leading dissident Jacek Kuron, one of the founders of the workers' self-defense committee KOR, was described by one released internee as the "life and soul" of the party. "He's been in and out of prison so many times he knew how to cheer us up," the released man said.

Jaruzelski gave no hints of an early lifting of martial law when he spoke to the 10 ambassadors. Some party sources said he would order the troops back to the barracks only when the Communist Party was strong enough to fend for itself. This could be a long process.

The position of the church remains precarious. Some clergymen say the church is in danger of losing at least some of its privileges and rights. They say this explains the extreme caution with which the hierarchy, notably the primate, Archbishop Józef Glemp, are approaching the authorities.

Rumors, mystery surround hunt for Dozier

By Michael Sheridan

VERONA, Italy —

Rumor, secrecy and a confusing number of investigating agencies have characterized the three-week search for U.S. Brig.-Gen. James Dozier, the kidnap victim of Italian guerrillas. "We have a clear conscience," said Italian Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini, asserting that NATO was warned about kidnap threats three weeks before the crew-cut general was abducted.

"We won't be making any comment on that at all," said a spokesman for the NATO base here, where Gen. Dozier, 50, worked until Red Brigades guerrillas seized him at his riverside apartment on Dec. 17.

It was the latest in a series of key questions about Italy's first political kidnapping involving a foreigner that remain unanswered. Searches and roadblocks throughout the Veneto region have so far failed to trace the "people's prison" where the guerrillas say the Vietnam veteran faces a "proletarian trial."

The Veneto bears no resemblance to the landscape seen by renaissance painters. It has straggling industrial estates and remote, misty farmland, where dozens of disused outbuildings and suddenly descending fog hamper searchers for the hideout.

The investigation is shrouded in secrecy, with new facts emerging slowly from dozens of rumors and false leads that daily arise. It emerged this week

that the Brigades had tried to kidnap another American general one day before the Dozier abduction, but failed.

U.S. Air Force Brig.-Gen. Wilson Cooney was not at his home in Vicenza, near here, and his wife refused to answer the door to the group of disguised guerrillas, Verona's police chief said. Inexplicably Wilson stayed in Naples, where he had been attending a NATO meeting, while Dozier returned home from the meeting and was snatched by the same method the next day.

If the Italian government had given ample warnings, Dozier had evidently not heeded them. His apartment was totally unguarded when the Brigades finally called.

Another mystery surrounds the two billion lire (\$1.7 million) reward offered for the general by a "group of friends."

The "group of friends" remains unidentified. The U.S. government says it would offer neither ransom nor reward in such a case — but Italian authorities prefer not to make any direct statement on the subject.

It is unclear how money is intended to tempt members of a highly motivated and tightly-knit ideological group to betray their fellow guerrillas.

If the cash is supposed to overcome the understandable qualms of any ordinary citizen with information to give, the authorities have not said how the identity of any informer would be protected or how information should be given.

Another factor in the hunt that adds to the confusion is the number of competing agencies and officials. These include police, special anti-terrorist police, their coordinating agency, carabinieri paramilitary police, central government officials and provincial chiefs, NATO officials and U.S. security men.

Then there is the spate of peripheral diversions reminiscent of the Brigades 1978 kidnap and murder of former Premier Aldo Moro.

The Italian News Agency ANSA, a frequent channel for Brigades communiqués, received a phone call on Dec. 22 in Beirut, claiming the general's body would be found in Italy later that day without giving any details.

In Amsterdam, a call to an American news agency prompted carabinieri units in Verona to rush to the Dozier apartment to check the caller's claim that the general was near his home. But, like the dozens of tipoffs logged daily at police headquarters here, the information was deemed useless and the search called off.

The spectacular prison breakout at Rovigo, near here, in which four women guerrillas blasted their way to freedom through a prison wall, prompted speculation that the action was part of an overall Brigades conspiracy.

The Brigades have staged other political kidnappings, as well as murdering and wounding prominent figures. Nearly 450 convicted or suspected Brigades members are in prison. (R)

Letter to the editor

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Pinochet regime known for repression

Submachine guns, curfews heighten Chile's 'politics by force' image

By Kenneth Freed

SANTIAGO, Chile (LAT) — The world's great cities all have one — a symbol that reflects their unique character. Los Angeles has the movies, New York has its Manhattan skyline. In Santiago, it is the submachine gun.

Walk along the shopping malls and you see them. Get out of a taxi in the wealthy neighborhood called Providencia and you see them. Military police officers in heavy, olive-drab uniforms seem to be everywhere, cradling submachine guns, often with their fingers resting on the trigger.



MARCH 11, 1981: Gen. Augusto Pinochet takes over for another eight-year term in Santiago.

The guns are the symbol of the politics of force used by the rightist military regime of Gen. Augusto Pinochet, the repression used to govern Chile for more than eight years.

There are other symbols. There are the barricades that go up late every night to close the streets against motor traffic as part of a limited curfew.

And then there are the actions of the regime — the censorship of the television networks, for example, and the closing of the magazine *Apso* for publishing articles held to be detrimental to national security.

Beyond symbolism, the nature of the Pinochet government has been displayed in the detention last year of more than 600 people without warrant or trial under emergency powers.

According to members of the Lawyers Association for Human Rights, 1981 was the worst period for political repression in Chile since 1978.

"The hardest times were from 1973 to 1978," one member said.

"Pinochet took power in a bloody coup in 1973. In the following five years, more than 2,500 people died at the hands of government forces and 600 more disappeared, human rights organizations have charged.

There have been no authenticated disappearances since then, but over the last year or two a pattern has developed, the human rights monitors say, that is as alarming as the initial stages of Pinochet's rule.

What concerns them is a series of deaths the government says resulted from battles between armed leftist terrorists and security forces. However, the human rights lawyers say there are convincing signs that deaths were actually executions.

"They are all similar cases in which a death is made to appear to be the result of a fight, which never took place," one attorney said.

Another, Carlos Lopez Dawson, president of the Human Rights Association described the deaths as "a policy of intimidation. These are not clashes but executions."

Yet another lawyer said, "in the past, they made someone disappear, but now they just kill them."

The shift in tactics is attributed by human rights advocates to a government desire to avoid the appearance of abusing human and civil rights.

If someone disappears, it is noted the world over by various human rights groups. But if a person is killed by government forces said to be preventing an act of terrorism, then the death supposedly is the result of the legitimate use of force.

There have been at least 13 deaths in the last 18 months, four of them in November, that the lawyers say fall into the suspicious category.

All 13 involved alleged members of the Movement of the Revolutionary Left — MIR, as it is known — who had returned from exile.

The Mir is a Marxist organization reportedly financed by Cuba and other Communist nations and known to use violence. Its membership is estimated at 100 to 500 people, some of whom are said to have been trained in Cuba.

All 13 of the MIR people killed were presumably in Chile secretly, but there is evidence that their presence was known to the government. Relatives say the 13 had been under surveillance by security agents.

In the latest incident, the government said, agents came upon the men in a car outside the home of Foreign Minister Rene Rojas in the

series of bombings, sabotage of electric lines and bank robberies.

But human rights advocates and diplomatic sources discount these actions as not very serious, pointing out that the MIR is relatively tiny and that Pinochet's security forces are effective.

A European diplomat said, "if I were Pinochet, I would simply arrest and try the MIR people. They are terrorists and would get no sympathy from the Chilean people. And it would improve his image."

There is no sign that Pinochet will heed such advice. Amnesty International, the London-based human rights organization, recently charged Chile with stepping up violations, not reducing them. It said Pinochet is engaged in systematic repression, including the establishment of torture centers where people have been killed.

If there has been any relaxation, it is in the practice of what is called "relegation," the sending of opponents, particularly students, to isolated parts of the country.

Human rights groups say that 60 to 70 people have been sent into internal exile this year, either to the desert north or the icebound south. In past years the number was higher.

Human rights lawyers said there is a more subtle way of punishing young people. "It is hard to prove, but I am convinced," one said, "that the government is forcing universities to expel students who show signs of dissent."

Government officials deny this, but one university official acknowledged that students considered troublesome have been dismissed at the request of the secret police.

The government also intimidates opponents by means of detention. Under the state of emergency, the government can pick up and hold anyone it wants to without a charge or warrant.

One human rights lawyer estimated that three or four people a day are detained under these provisions and that since 1978, about 5,000 people have been picked up.

The lawyers said that the state of emergency allows the detainees to see attorneys and that judges can order their release if not convinced they are being held for just cause.

However, the lawyers added, security officials often hide the prisoners or simply refuse to obey the courts.

"They make it impossible to form a defense," one lawyer said. "There have even been cases where security agents have refused to follow direct orders from the minister of interior to allow a detainee to see an attorney."

Ranking members of Pinochet's regime have defended this sort of treatment. Adm. Tobio Merino Castro, a member of the government junta, has said that "Communists have no human rights."

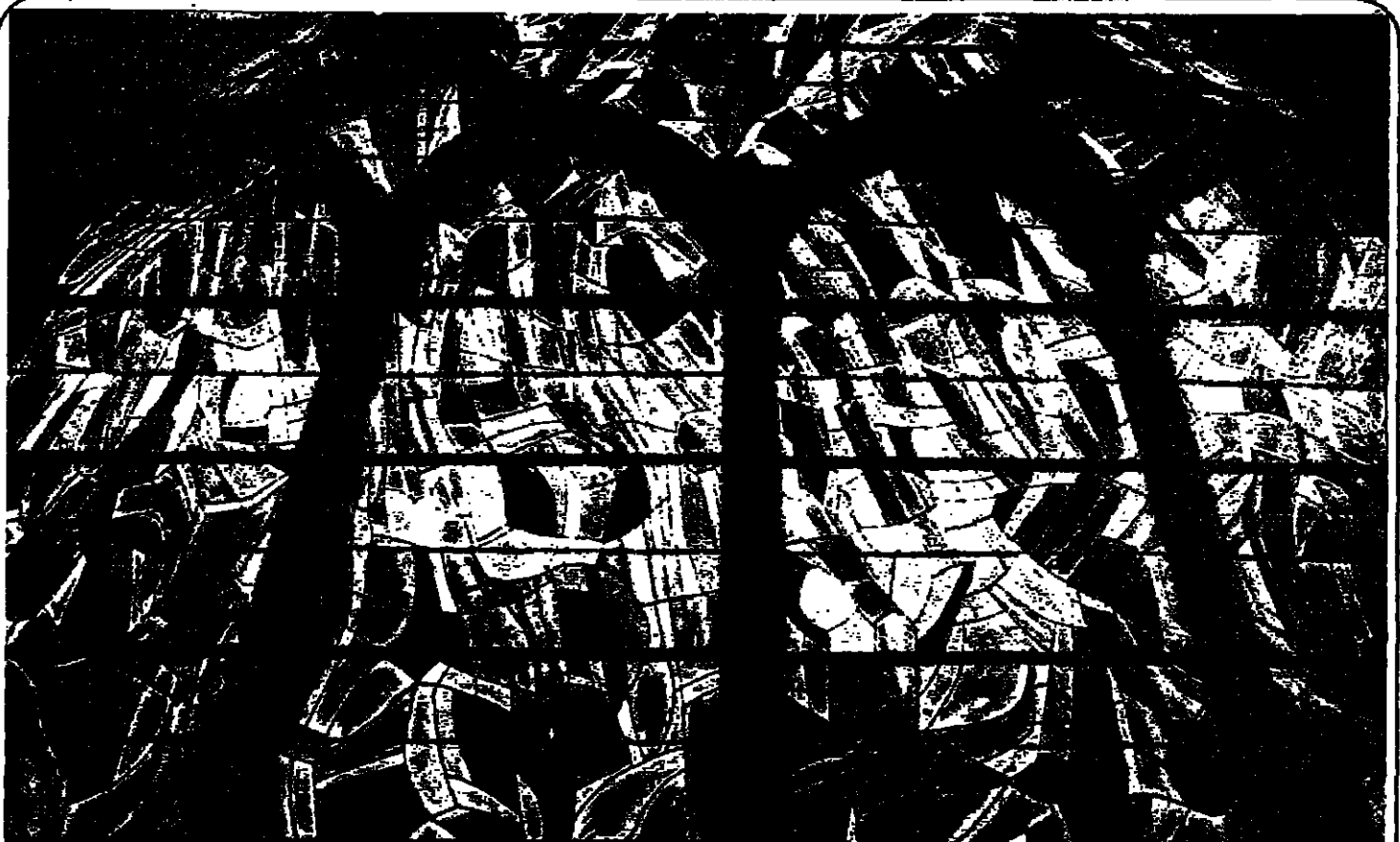
Despite the repression, there is no sign of widespread public discontent with Pinochet. Opposition political leaders, banned from organized activity, are dispirited. They are associated in the public mind with the stagnation and bickering that led to the election in 1970 of Marxist President Salvador Allende.

"The strongest thing going for Pinochet," a diplomat said, "is the memories people have of the mess under the Christian Democrats in the late 1960s and Allende. They don't want to go back to that."

A poll taken earlier this year by an independent and respected survey is reported to have given Pinochet a 72 percent approval rating. The results were not made public, reportedly because the pollster was afraid that he would be accused by international opponents of Pinochet of rigging the outcome.

Pinochet seems to have gained the support of Chile's large middle class with an economic policy that has lowered inflation to less than 10 percent while promoting economic growth under a free market system.

One thing that has not seemed to have seriously affected Pinochet's policies is international pressure. He simply ignored former U.S. President Jimmy Carter's public criticism of Chile's human rights practices.



STAINED GLASS WINDOW: These original windows by Bazaine are displayed at the Chartres Center.

Master glass-maker's traditions shown

CHARTRES, France — For many Frenchmen the name of Chartres brings to mind the spires of the city inspired by the writings of Charles Peguy, advanced across the open plains of the Beauce region in the 1920's and 30's. Today, this harkening back to tradition has spread to the sphere of arts and crafts with emphasis on the creative undertakings of the master-glass maker.

To be sure, an international stained glass

window center has just been opened in the city. One of its major functions will, of course, be the production of stained glass windows. But its main purpose will be to gather as much data as possible on stained glass windows in France and abroad, to make this data accessible to one and all and to stage meetings, seminars and exhibitions.

The center will not only draw up an inventory of old stained glass windows, and work to safeguard them, but also attempt to lend fresh impetus to the art of window-making. It will be assisted in this by a photographic index of major workers as well as files on the work of past and contemporary glass-makers. In addition, the center will dovetail information about competitions held in this field, as provide information of restoration methods.



AT WORK: A stained glass craftsman restores a fine piece of old art work.

Phobic fears generated in the mind, men, women can't live normal lives

By Eileen Putman
WHITE PLAINS, New York, (AP) — Doug felt so trapped when he got into an elevator that he began ripping at his clothes. Judy's hands shook when she served food. Marleen could not drive across a bridge or shop in a crowded store.

They are phobics, persons whose lives are hampered by terrifying fears generated by their own mind.

Now Doug, Judy and Marleen — not their real names — are learning to change by doing the very things they fear most. They are patients at a phobia clinic like the one at the White Plains Hospital Medical Center.

"I had to deliver some papers to a school. I got up there and handed them to the woman and I got red. My tongue was tied. I got these weird physical feelings," Marleen said at a recent session where participants spoke to a reporter.

Her fellow phobics nodded as the woman continued: "You never know when it's going to happen."

Marleen has a form of agoraphobia, commonly called "housewife's disease," but authorities say it affects men and women alike. It encompasses many fears — traveling away from home, taking airplanes, being alone in an elevator, riding a train.

It can prevent phobics from living normal lives.

Doug lives in the suburbs but works in New York City. His fear of being closed in will not let him take a computer train to work. He is afraid of elevators, so psychiatrists at the phobia clinic sent him out with a trained aide to conquer the fear.

An aide stood outside the elevator as Doug went in alone. The doors closed and a maintenance man stopped the elevator between floors.

"I pressed the 'on' button to make it work again. It didn't work. I don't remember what happened next," Doug told the group, twisting the end of his shirt in his hands.

What happened is that Doug felt himself trapped and began removing his clothes. He was bare chested when the aide and maintenance man freed him from the elevator.

Psychiatrists say Doug is getting better by doing the thing that scares him, at first with the aide and then alone. The clinic teaches phobics that they can control their panic if they just let it happen and monitor the fear as it rises and falls.

"You go through a couple of terrible experiences and it goes away," Dr. Frederic

J. Neuman, leader of the group, told Doug. "You say to yourself, 'if I didn't go crazy then, I won't.'"

Phobics are not crazy, psychiatrists say. They are afraid of fear, afraid of losing control, afraid of embarrassing themselves. They have taken a natural, healthy emotion — fear — and let it run their lives.

Ordinary effects such as entering a new store for the first time set off alarm bells of panic, sweating, rapid breathing, a feeling of impending death or collapse and dizziness, all for reasons the phobic cannot understand.

"If you imagine the most terrible thing in the world happening, a phobic person feels that in an ordinary, everyday circumstance," said Jo Ann, an aide and former phobic who for 12 years was afraid to leave her house.

Dr. Manuel D. Zane, who founded the

clinic 10 years ago, said phobias develop because of stress, usually in the early 20s as young adults confront for the first time emotional upheavals like death, sickness, graduation, childbirth, marriage or divorce.

The feelings are increased by the fact that the phobic feels alone with the fear, he said. "No one talks about it. You grow up in a society where you don't ordinarily disclose what we're feeling," Zane said. "You finally feel you can't stand it and it just bursts out in a panic."

Phobics sometimes mistake the reaction for high blood pressure, heart disease or some physical illness.

In the eight-week clinics, phobics pay \$480 to learn how to control the reaction and to recognize that their fears are not coming from reality but from their imagination.

Tribes paid to conserve, cooperate with wardens

By Stephen Taylor
SALISBURY — An increase in game poaching throughout Africa has prompted an unusual and successful approach to conservation in Zimbabwe. The basis of "Operation Windfall" is to demonstrate to rural people that if animals are to be killed, it pays the community to let outsiders do the killing.

By following this advice, local leaders in one poor and remote region have this year received checks totaling more than \$160,000 and the word from the conservationists is that there is plenty more where that came from.

Mike Drury, the warden in charge of the operation, says: "Wildlife is one of the great resources of this country and as such it has a value in cash terms."

A big, blunt-speaking man, Drury keeps on his desk an ashtray made from an elephant's foot, an item which might offend some conservationists. "We cannot afford to be soft conservationists," he says. "The only thing that keeps these creatures alive is a system which gives them a greater value than can be earned from poaching."

Zimbabwe, with some of Africa's great game sanctuaries, has always managed to keep at bay the kind of large-scale commercial poaching which afflicts, for example,

Kenya and Zambia. But poaching for meat and skins is growing, and elephants — the poachers' main target — are also suffering. "Operation Windfall" is the response.

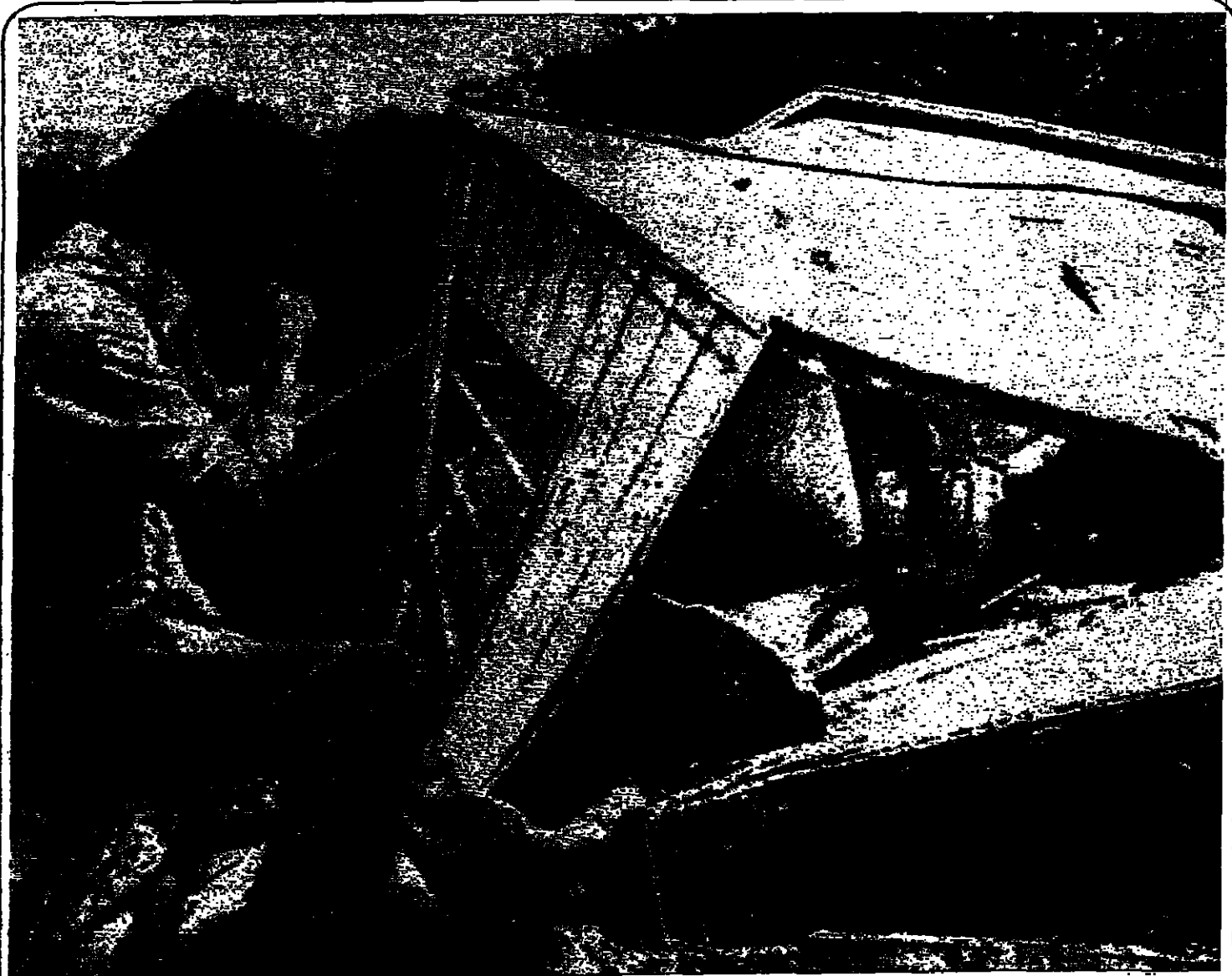
In addition to being a source of food, wild animals are also a crop pest. Drury says: "We have told leaders in the tribal areas that if there is a problem animal not to kill it themselves but to come to us."

After the animal, usually an elephant, has been dispatched by a warden, it is reduced to its marketable commodities and the flesh is given to the local people. Once the hide and ivory have been processed and sold all the proceeds are handed over to the community.

The killing of problem animals accounts for a significant proportion of the earnings from "Operation Windfall". So does the income from hunting safaris in the so-called tribal trust lands.

"We have a trophy quota — the number of animals which can be shot annually — which is based on half a percent of the total population of any species in an area," Drury says.

Charles Juji, one of the men, said "Windfall" money would also be used to improve health facilities: Four rural clinics and a waiting room at the hospital were being built.



WINTER STORM: Greg Rodolati looks over the remainder of his belongings at his home in San Rafael, California. Two cars, a Mercedes Benz and BMW were beneath the house when it was destroyed by a severe winter storm. Many homeowners affected by the storm were uninsured. It left a trail of destruction and uprooted thousands of people throughout northern California.

Reagan reverses campaign position

U.S. Army draft to continue

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (R) — President Ronald Reagan, reversing his campaign position, announced he would continue the registration of 18-year-old Americans for possible military service because "we live in a dangerous world."

Reagan said Thursday in a statement he would not ask Congress to reimpose actual conscription since there was no national emergency at present to justify such a step. The president disclosed 800,000 young Americans who failed to register for the draft in 1981 under an order of former President Jimmy Carter would be given a grace period to report before the government considered steps to prosecute them.

No Americans have been conscripted since the early 1970s when the Vietnam War ended but President Carter ordered registration by 18-year-olds to show U.S. resolve in reacting to Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan in December, 1979.

A Justice Department spokesman said the department was working on details of the 30-60 day grace period for tardy registrars.

Clark assumes post, begins briefing Reagan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AFP) — William Clark moved into his new role as White House national security adviser with a 15-minute briefing for President Ronald Reagan on the state of the world and U.S. foreign policy.

The daily 9:30 a.m. briefings are now part of the president's official program and testify to the prominence of the 50-year-old Clark, who in a year has gone from state Supreme Court justice in California to one of the lynchpins of U.S. policymaking.

"Judge" Clark, a long-time intimate of Reagan, moved over from the State Department where he was deputy to Alexander Haig to replace Richard Allen, who resigned Monday following weeks of controversy over possible misconduct.

Allen was officially cleared of any wrongdoing in his handling of a gratuity offered the president's wife by a Japanese magazine for an interview or his acceptance of three

but complex legal issues needed to be worked out before a final ruling was issued.

Officials said Reagan who opposed registration when he campaigned for the presidency in 1980, accepted Pentagon (defense department) arguments that abandoning it now would signal weakness at a time of crisis in Poland and with Soviet troops still in Afghanistan.

However, White House counselor Edwin Meese told reporters the Polish situation was "not a major consideration" in the decision. The president said: "The continuation of peacetime registration does not foreshadow a return to the draft. No... emergency now exists and registration is in no way a proxy for conscription."

"However, we live in a dangerous world. In the event of a future threat to national safety, registration could save the United States as much as six weeks in mobilizing emergency manpower."

In rejecting any move to reinstitute the actual draft, the president said he would con-

tinue the national commitment to an all-volunteer defense force, which replaced conscription in the 1970s. He said all the military services were meeting recruitment goals and the quality of recruits had improved dramatically.

In explaining the president's change of mind, Meese said the decision to retain registration was based on "new information, different from what he had a year ago." Meese said when the president opposed registration he believed it would speed military mobilization by only five to seven days. Now the Selective Service System had convinced him six weeks would be saved.

He also said the grace period for those who have failed to register so far probably would be 30 to 60 days. After that, the administration would have no choice but to prosecute them. About 6.6 million Americans have obeyed the registration order, the Selective Service System said, since it became law in June, 1980. Failure to register could bring a five-year jail term and up to \$10,000 fine.

watches from Japanese businessmen.

But there are mounting reports that White House dissatisfaction with him had deeper roots and lay in his failure as national security adviser to better coordinate the policymaking apparatus and help shape long-term policies.

Clark's arrival Thursday is seen as an effort to smooth out the ruffles in the machinery that has produced some contradictions and squabbling among the White House, the departments of state and defense and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

In appointing Clark as security adviser, White House officials said they planned to upgrade the post, and the reinstitution of the daily Oval office briefings was the first sign.

The briefings by Allen — with their key daily morning access to the president — were suspended in July amid reports that they became unwieldy arenas for infighting among the various government branches.

At first glance Clark appears an unlikely

figure for a top foreign policy post since before coming to government his only experience abroad was a 72-hour trip to Chile. At his Senate confirmation hearings for deputy secretary of state he exhibited an embarrassing unfamiliarity with world affairs and did not even know the names of several African leaders.

But Clark's strength lies in his reported administrative skills and relations with Reagan administration officials that date back 15 years to his days as chief of staff for Reagan when he was governor of California.

It was Clark who recruited two of the president's "big three" advisers — Edwin Meese and Michael Deaver — to work for Reagan.

Clark's move to the White House could now affect relations between Meese, the presidential counselor, and the latest arrival to the Reagan troika, White House chief of staff Jim Baker.

Will train Nicaraguan officers

France to deny Soviets know-how

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Agencies) — French Defense Minister Charles Hernu and U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger agreed an unchecked flow of advanced technology to the Soviet Union would be a "windfall" for Moscow.

They said Thursday a joint statement after four hours of talks that France and the United States would cooperate to improve controls over the export to the Soviet Union of computers and micro-electronics, key elements in Moscow's military modernization.

"An unchecked flow of such technology would afford the Soviets a windfall advantage in their programs for expanding their military forces and would be a major contributing factor in the rapid improvement in the sophistication and capability of Soviet forces relative to those of the West," it said.

President Reagan, blaming the Soviet Union for the Polish crisis, last month ordered sanctions against Moscow which included the transfer of such technology. France and other EEC countries pledged not to undermine the U.S. measures but have not imposed sanctions of their own.

Thursday's statement noted "the responsibility of the Soviet Union for developments in Poland and expressed concern about the serious pressure the Soviets are continuing to apply against Polish efforts for reform." It said Poland must be allowed to resolve its problems without external interference and without the use of force and intimidation.

Hernu recalled that his government had expressed "total disapproval of events in Poland, but added that it would continue its humanitarian aid to the Polish people. The French minister, who also met Secretary of State Alexander Haig during a two-day visit to Washington, will tour U.S. defense bases before returning to Paris Sunday.

No official U.S. comment was available on France's decision to sell two missile-launching patrol boats and a number of helicopters to Nicaragua's left-wing Sandinist government. The United States has frequently complained about an arms buildup by Nicaragua.

Hernu disclosed that France will train 10 naval officers and 10 pilots from Nicaragua, in addition to sending "non-offensive" mili-

ary equipment. Hernu spoke to reporters after the meeting with Weinberger.

"Mr. Weinberger informed me of his concerns about the contract," he told a questioner. Asked if Weinberger seemed less concerned after his explanation, Hernu replied that they had just passed on to the next order of business. There was no question of France sending anything more, and no American threat of any kind, he said.

He was asked whether the announcement on the day of his visit was deliberate or a coincidence. "I leave you to be the judge," he answered.

His reply to Weinberger, Hernu said, was this: "I told him that I understood his feelings, but things have to be put in their proper proportion, because what counts in relations between the United States and France — particularly in military cooperation, but also for everything else — is truth, credibility, mutual confidence and for a French minister to say

the same things, whether in Paris, Cancun or Washington.

"So without having to justify myself, I explained French policy — that the material contracted for a month ago is absolutely not offensive — police material, civilian Alouette helicopters. You know this was done after the Cancun conference, after the visit of (French Foreign Minister Claude) Cheysson to Mexico and that there was the fact which you all know, but which I felt I had to repeat to Weinberger, which was that the United States had never informed France that it should not sell defense material to Nicaragua, and that country has never been named as subject to a possible embargo."

"When a country like Nicaragua applies to France, it's generally a sign that it is seeking to escape being dependent. I think our American friends should not be alarmed more than is necessary."

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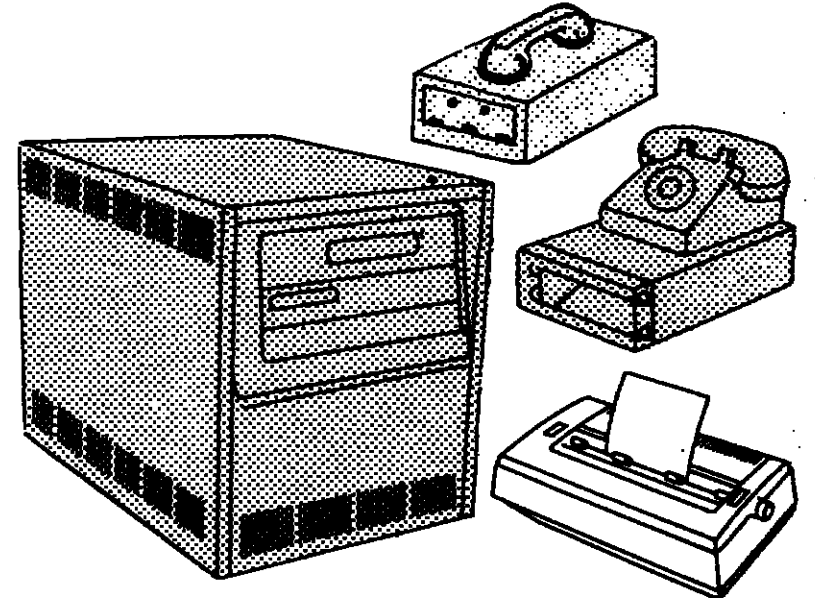
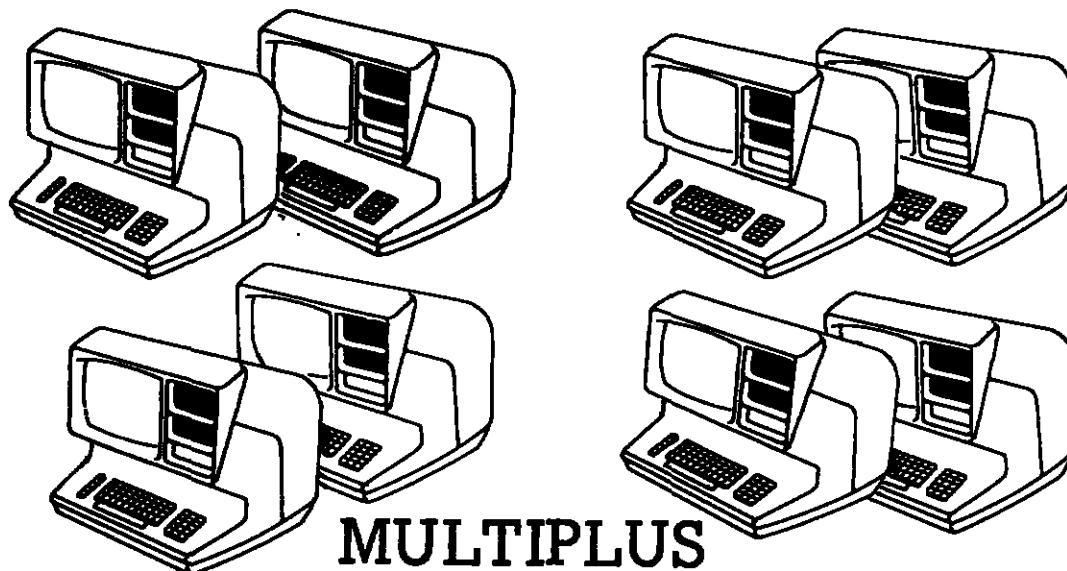
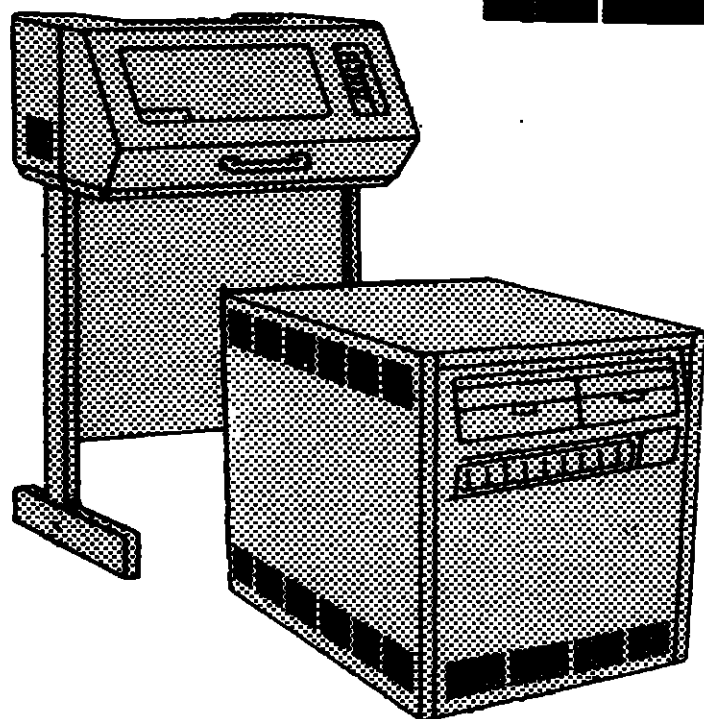
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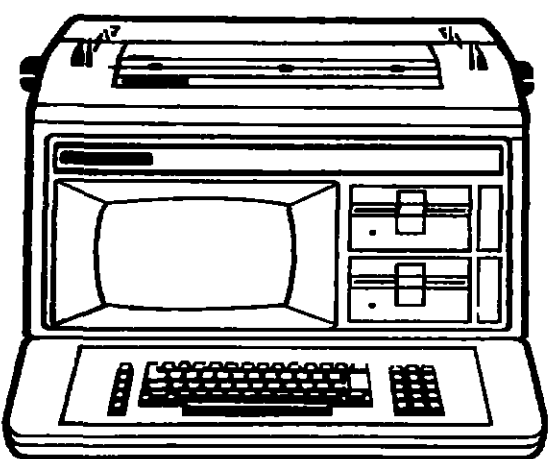
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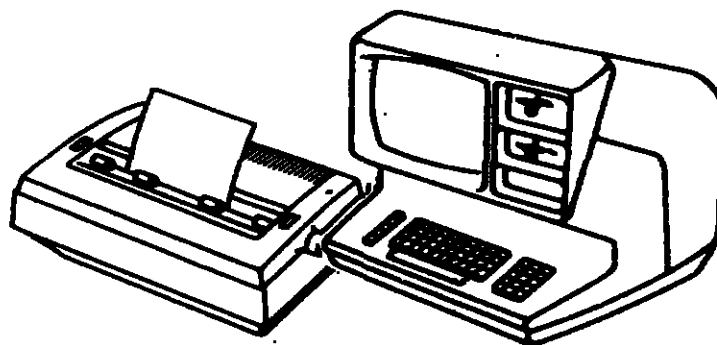


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Over border dispute

Chinese set terms for talks with Russia

ROME, Jan. 8 (AFP) — China is ready to negotiate with the Soviet Union over border dispute, provided Afghanistan and Cambodia are also discussed, Chinese Communist Party Deputy Chairman Li Xiannian was quoted as saying in the Italian Communist daily *Unita* Friday.

Li said there was still a chance for negotiations "despite the fact that we have been talking for 10 years with no results." He said that the Soviet Union was occupying 90,000 square kms of Chinese territory against 1.5 million square kms during the reign of the czars. Li added: "Why not negotiate?... We have nothing against U.S.-Soviet talks in Geneva, so why not Sino-Soviet talks as long as we reach concrete results?"

The Chinese leader said discussion of possible withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan and of the Vietnamese from Cambodia was "inevitable." "In the same way, we shall discuss the deployment of Soviet troops in Mongolia and along our own border," he said.

Asked about China's ties with the United States, Li said the United States was an "imperialist country on the defensive and seeking to keep its gains from World War II." Li's statement confirmed the position taken by Peking in a formal reply to a Soviet proposal for resumed talks last September. On Poland, he reiterated the Chinese position against "all foreign interference" in that country. "When we speak of interference, we understand by that all interference," Li said implying perhaps not only the Soviet Union, but also various Western countries, especially the United States.

Up to now China has refrained from commenting on the U.S. position on Poland and Washington's sanctions against the Soviet Union in the wake of martial law in Warsaw.

He also reproached the United States for practicing a policy of hegemonism — a term the Chinese have reserved for reference to the Russians ever since Peking and Washington normalized relations three years ago.

Meanwhile, the Peking *People's Daily* reported Friday that several serious armed clashes took place at the close of 1981 along the Sino-Vietnamese border, leaving four Chinese dead or wounded. It was the first time the Chinese official press had reported such incidents since the period of high border tension in May and June last year.

Between Dec. 10 and 31, Vietnam launched a total of 280 "armed provocations" along the frontier region, with 255 in the Guangxi province and 25 in the Yunnan province, the newspaper said. A Vietnamese MIG-21 twice invaded the airspace over the Ningming district of Guangxi province on Dec. 29, and three farm women were shot dead during the last few days in the same province, the newspaper added.

Japan to open world's first gene bank

KYOTO, Japan, Jan. 8 (AFP) — A mutational gene bank, claimed to be the world's first, will be opened in this southwestern Japanese city in the spring of 1983 to help researchers work on cures for genetic diseases more quickly.

The center will be a storehouse of gene specimens taken from humans with hard-to-cure mutational diseases and it will offer mutated human genes to qualified researchers throughout the world free of charge, Professor Shoichi Hatanaka of Kyoto University said Friday.

He said the bank will be a specially built underground cold storage unit for electron-microscopic samples of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) — the basic building blocks of human heredity.

Hatanaka, who is in charge of the project, said he hopes the gene bank also will lead to cures and preventive methods to cope with genetic diseases faster than would otherwise be possible because the causes of many genetic diseases are believed to be hidden in

the DNA of afflicted people.

Samples will be gathered through a method of extracting DNA from fibroblasts, a kind of tissue cell, of people stricken with either a hereditary inability to combat infections or a genetically based disease which leaves sufferers with abnormally colored and excessively dry skin. The two diseases are known as congenital immunodeficiency syndrome and xeroderma pigmentosa or senilis praxos, a condition preceding skin cancer.

London plans to rebuild historic area

LONDON, Jan. 8 (AP) — Plans have been published to demolish and rebuild a historic area of the city of London financial district in front of the Mansion House, official residence of the Lord Mayor.

The 30-million-pound (\$57.5-million) project is the idea of developer Peter Palumbo. He had the late German-American architect, Mies van der Rohe, design a large square, office buildings, a water garden and an underground concourse with shops and restaurants. An 18-story bronzed office building on stilts would tower over the square.

The project preserves the 18th-century Mansion House, the 17th century St. Stephen Walbrook Church of architect Sir Christopher Wren and the 20th century Midland Bank of Sir Edwin Lutyens. Eight buildings officially listed as worthy of preservation and about 350 other structures would be demolished.

Palumbo first floated the idea for the project in 1968, but he failed to get planning consent from the 1,000-year-old city corporation because he did not own enough of the real estate involved.

BRIEFS

Alan Cranston, the assistant Senate minority leader, announced Thursday he is forming a committee to consider a 1984 presidential bid. Cranston, a California Democrat, said he probably would not decide whether to run until after November's congressional elections. But proposed reforms in Democratic nominating procedures indicate a White House bid "may be feasible," he said.

BANGKOK (AP) — Pulitzer Prize winner Keyes Beech is returning to the United States next week to retire after three and a half decades of reporting from Asia. Beech, 68, was a U.S. marine in the Pacific during World War II and returned to Asia in 1947 as a correspondent for *The Chicago Daily News*. He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1950 for his

coverage of the Korean War.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Henry Fonda left the Sinai Hospital here Thursday after being admitted in mid-November to undergo treatment for a heart condition. The 76-year-old actor, whose latest film *On Golden Pond* with co-stars daughter Jane Fonda and Kathryn Hepburn is a current screen success, has had a heart-pacer since 1974.

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar plans to cut back sharply on official travel by U.N. staff, his spokesman said Thursday. High appropriations for travel were criticized by the United States and other major contributors to the U.N. budget during Kurt Waldheim's time as secretary general.

PARIS (AFP) — Haiti President Jean-Claude Duvalier was wounded in the leg in an attack on Dec. 20, French television reported here Friday. The 30-year-old president sustained a slight thigh wound, but it later became infected and his deteriorating condition prompted a political crisis, according to the television report.

PRETORIA (AFP) — Briton Steven Kitson, son of long-term political prisoner David Kitson, was arrested Thursday under South Africa's state security laws, South African police said Friday. The younger Kitson, a British-based engineer, was in South Africa to visit his father, sentenced in 1964 to 20 years in jail for sabotage.

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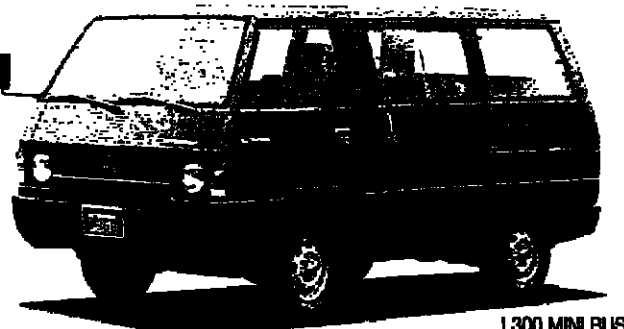
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Switzerland heading for dose of recession

ZURICH, Jan. 8 (R) — The Swiss economy, one of the most prosperous in the world, is heading for an unexpected dose of recession this year.

The combined effect of high interest rate, inflation and an appreciating currency will make 1982 a hard year, National Bank President Fritz Leutwiler said in a television interview. A year ago, the economy was still booming, with gross national product (GNP) growing by a surprising four percent in 1980, and 10 times as many vacant jobs as unemployed.

Six months ago, economists were forecasting no more than a flattening of growth in 1982. Now the outlook is more somber, though by international standards hardly catastrophic. The government's economic commission says GNP, the total of produced goods and services, will fall 1.7 percent in 1982 compared to an estimated rise of 1.4 percent in 1981.

After two years of full employment, the National Bank and other economists are forecasting a significant rise in the number of jobless, though probably not more than one percent of the workforce.

That is small by world standards. But the figures do not include foreigners obliged to leave the country when made redundant. Switzerland's strict residency rules allow foreigners to stay in the country as unemployed only if they have worked here for at least 10 years. Thus thousands of Italians, Yugoslavs and Spaniards are likely to return

to their own countries to join the jobless queues there rather than in Switzerland.

The same happened in the last slump of 1975-76, when GNP fell 10 percent, which statistically was the worst recession in the Western world at that time. Then too, the enforced departure of foreign labor resulted in only one percent of the remaining workforce registering for unemployment benefit. This time fewer foreigners will suffer this fate, as the recession will be less severe, the economists said.

The trouble began last summer, when a sizeable appreciation of the dollar on foreign exchange markets due to high U.S. interest rates made imports suddenly more expensive forcing inflation to a six-year peak of 7.5 percent in September.

The National Bank tightened monetary policy sharply, pushing interest rates higher. This made the Swiss franc more attractive and its ensuing appreciation caused immediate problems for Swiss industry, which is heavily dependent on exports.

At 80 francs to 100 West German marks, the Swiss currency is back close to the record strength it reached in 1978 against the mark. This is a key rate for Swiss industry, since a large proportion of its foreign customers are in West Germany. Leutwiler described this as a critical limit, and said the Central Bank would this year conduct a somewhat more expansive monetary policy. This, however, would only brake the appreciation, not stop it altogether.

At 131.3 percent

Argentinian inflation hits ceiling

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 8 (AFP) — Argentina is once again the country with the highest inflation rate in the world — a distinction it narrowly managed to shed in 1980.

Argentina's inflation rate in 1981 was 131.3 percent — and the outlook for the first few months of 1982 is grim. This is because recent re-unification of dual exchange rates under a system whereby the peso is allowed to float, will increase the cost of imported goods. Observers said these first economic measures by the government of Gen. Leopoldo Galtieri, which came to power at the end of December, is likely to deepen the

year-old recession here.

New Economy Minister Roberto Alemann who belongs to the School of classical Liberal Economists, decided to begin by liberating the exchange market and reducing the budget deficit which in 1981 amounted to nearly six percent of gross domestic product and was therefore an engine of inflation.

He also decided on a temporary freeze of pay for civil servants and the military which, against a background of high inflation will hit hard at purchasing power. Already the auto and construction industries expect that 1982 will be at least as bad a year as 1981.

U.S. panel said in favor of minting gold coins

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (R) — A high level government study group appears ready to recommend that the United States begin minting a gold coin that would sell at market prices.

The coin would compete with South Africa's Kruggerand and other foreign gold coins which now attract funds from Americans who wish to invest in gold. Most members of the U.S. Gold Commission, which was established by Congress in October, 1980, to study the role of gold in the U.S. international monetary system appear to favor a U.S. gold coin, according to a preliminary poll conducted by the group's staff director Anna Schwartz.

Mrs. Schwartz told Reuters she expected the commission to publicly endorse a gold coin at a meeting Friday. She also said she believed the 17-member panel would not propose any other significant changes in

gold policy.

She said the commission is almost certain to oppose a U.S. return to a classic Gold Standard, which would require that the government hold an amount of gold equivalent in value to the amount of dollars in circulation. Under the Gold Standard, holders of dollars would be able to exchange them for gold on demand — a privilege Americans lost in 1933.

Any recommendation from the panel would have to be approved by Congress before becoming law. The commission must report to Congress by March on their investigation of the system, but most panel members have already expressed reservations about a return to the Gold Standard.

Most panel members who have spoken on the subject at commission meetings view the gold coin as an investment alternative for Americans who are currently sending dollars overseas for foreign coins.

Gas discovered in Morocco

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP) — An exploration project assisted by the World Bank has resulted in the discovery of gas and condensate in Morocco, the World Bank announced Thursday.

The bank said its office National de Recherches Et d'Exploitations Pétrolières (ONAREP), the Moroccan State Oil Company, has recently conducted a successful test on an exploratory well located 31 kms east of the port city of Essaouira. "While the initial test on the discovery well appears encouraging, several additional wells will be necessary

to determine the significance of this discovery," the World Bank said.

The ONAREP Exploration program is being supported by a \$50m loan from the World Bank. This loan was made in April 1980 and was the World Bank's first loan for petroleum exploration.

The World Bank said, "The objectives of the bank loan are principally two-fold: to assist the ONAREP exploration program in the onshore Essaouira Basin, and to support reconnaissance seismic surveys in other onshore basins in order to make them more attractive to foreign oil companies."

Mexico to increase crude output

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 8 (AP) — Mexico is going ahead with a 400,000-barrel increase in the daily export of crude oil that was postponed last year because of the international oil glut, the state petroleum monopoly Pemex announced.

A statement Thursday from Pemex headquarters in Mexico City said daily exports in 1982 will be about 1.5 million barrels. It said the daily average last year was 1.98 million barrels that brought in a total for the year of about \$13.3 billion.

Pemex said the 1981 average was 33 percent more than exports in 1980, when the daily average was 827,750 barrels and the year's earnings totaled \$9.4 billion. It said it planned to export 1.5 million barrels a day in 1981 but was forced to delay because of the world surplus.

Honda to manufacture motorcycles in China

TOKYO, Jan. 8 (AFP) — The Japanese Honda Motor Company announced Friday that it has signed a technical cooperation agreement to manufacture motorcycles in China.

Under the agreement, Honda will supply the Jialing machine factory in Chongqing (Sichuan province) with technological assistance in setting up mass production facilities.

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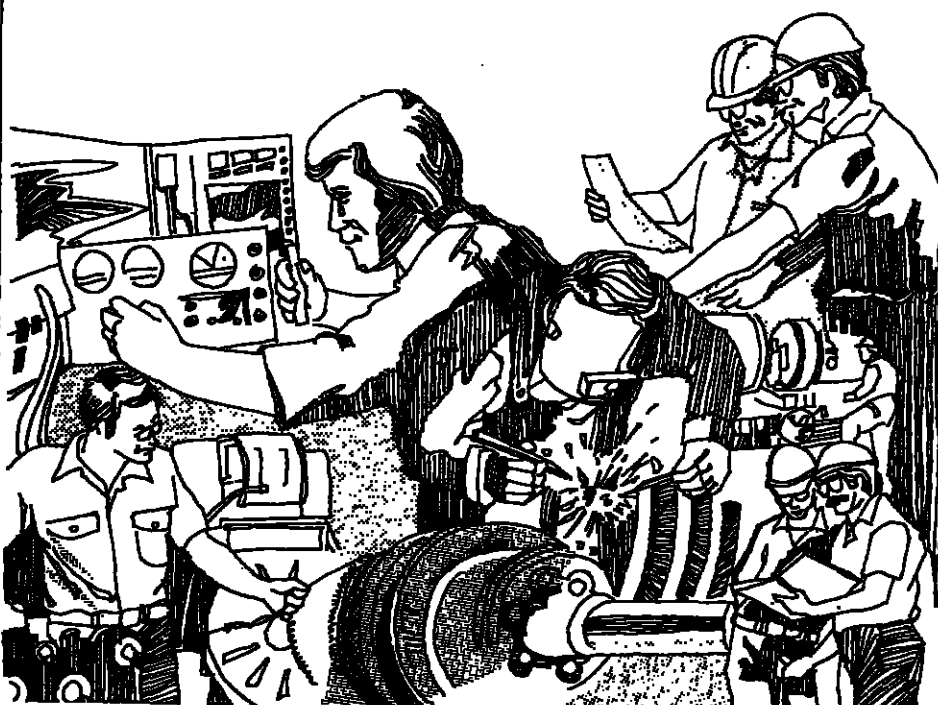
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Reagan puts off decision on tax, spending policy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (R) — President Reagan has postponed a decision on U.S. tax and spending policy for the 1982-83 financial year until later this month, the White House said Thursday.

After saying earlier that Reagan would make his final budget decisions Thursday and Friday, it said a deadline had been put back until as late as Jan. 26. Administration sources said Reagan would have to propose tax increases of at least \$20 billion and spending cuts of \$30 billion for both 1983 and 1984 in order to keep the budget deficit under control. The budget deficit for 1982 is estimated at more than \$100 billion higher than the previous record.

Pakistan delinks rupee from dollar

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 8 (AP) — Pakistan's Federal Finance Minister Ghulam Ishaque Khan told a press conference the government decision to delink the Pakistani rupee from the U.S. dollar was not related to any condition by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The minister said of the 142 member countries of the IMF, only 39 were linked with the American dollar and they were mostly Latin American trading partners of the United States. He told newsmen at the press conference Thursday night that with diversification of Pakistani trade, the government felt that it

could strike targets in the Soviet Union about 4,600 miles away. The Reagan administration has said it intends to start one new Trident submarine in a year. Navy authorities have indicated they expect at least 15 such vessels to be constructed.

"The president must recognize that future deficits must be fought with major revisions in tax policy," he said in a speech at the National Press club.

Last year, Reagan won congressional approval for tax cuts totaling \$750 billion over five years big cuts in spending on social programs and a planned increase of \$1,600 billion in defense spending over five years.

Japanese firms said rejecting Iran plea

TOKYO, Jan. 8 (AFP) — The Japanese Mitsui group has apparently decided to drop its partnership involvement in a petrochemical project at Bandar Khomeini on the Gulf if Iran refuses to revise the contract, the five Japanese companies involved indicated here Friday. The \$3.2 billion complex is 85 percent complete but construction came to a halt at the beginning of the Iranian revolution in 1979. Iran wants work to resume under the terms of the original contract.

\$523m contract to be given

U.S. Navy goes for 9th Trident sub

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP) — The U.S. Navy announced Thursday it is awarding a \$523.7 million contract to General Dynamics Corp's Electric Boat division, Groton, Connecticut, to build the ninth Trident nuclear-powered missile-firing submarine.

The total cost of the new submarine is expected to total at least \$1.2 billion. Electric Boat is the only firm building the Trident missile subs for the U.S. Navy. The latest contract was awarded after long-running differences between the navy and the company over problems which arose in the construction of Trident and Los Angeles-class attack submarines were resolved.

One Trident sub, *The Ohio*, was commissioned in November 2½ years late. The other seven still under construction are also behind the original contract schedule. The Trident submarine is an 18,700-ton underwater giant which carries 24 launchers for missiles that

could strike targets in the Soviet Union about 4,600 miles away. The Reagan administration has said it intends to start one new Trident submarine in a year. Navy authorities have indicated they expect at least 15 such vessels to be constructed.

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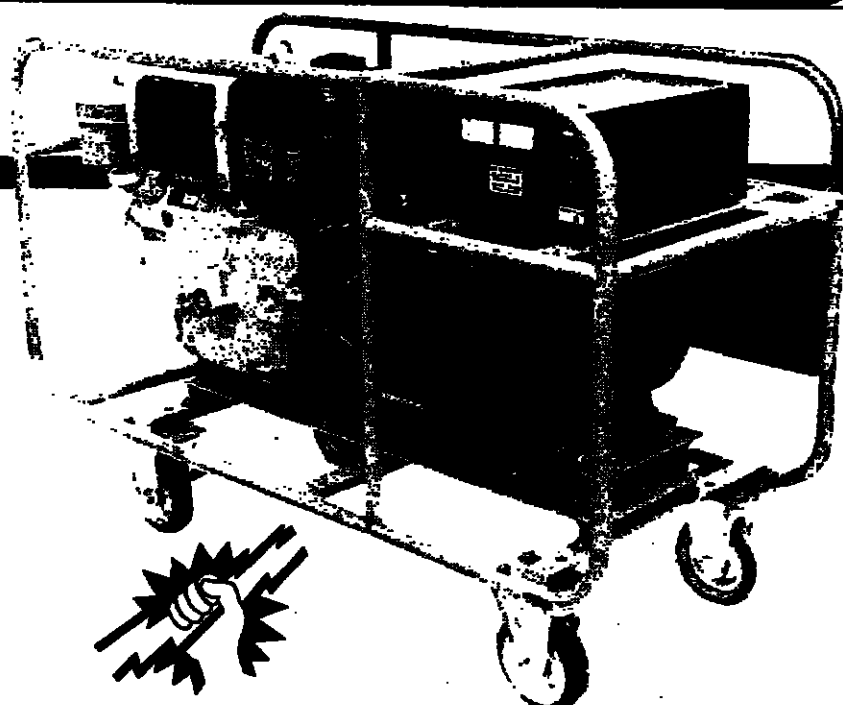
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To secure repayments

Bankers study legal side of Polish debt

LONDON, Jan. 8 (AP) — Officials from seven leading U.S. and Western European banks met with attorneys in London Thursday to discuss legal aspects of Poland's massive \$26-billion debt, banking sources said.

The executives issued no statement at the end of their day-long session but were expected to report back to a wider group representing 501 Western banks owed money by Poland. The bankers discussed ways Poland might pay some \$350 million in interest on loans due in 1981, according to the banking sources, who asked not to be identified. They said a Polish request for rescheduling of payments due last year on \$2.4 billion in principal depended on repayment of the overdue interest.

Of Poland's overall debt to the West, \$16 billion is in the form of loans from Western banks. The remainder has been loaned by Western governments. Already delicate negotiations on the money were further complicated by the declaration of martial law in Poland and the continued political and economic turmoil.

Thursday's meeting was attended by officials from the Bank of America, Citicorp, the Swiss Banking Corp., Dresdner Bank of West Germany, Creditanstalt Bankverein of Vienna and Britain's Lloyd's International and

Barclay's International Banks. The sources described the session as "part of a continuing process" to find ways to secure repayments. They did not elaborate.

London sources at two major U.S. banks and one British bank said that "limited" funds had been received from Poland last week through the Polish Bank Handlowy. Details, however, were sketchy. One report said \$40 million was handed over. Others said the payments were "very small."

"From what we can tell, it seems clear that Poland simply is not able to pay back appreciable amounts," seeking anonymity. Poland recently asked its Western creditors for a bridging loan to meet the interest payments due by the end of 1981 that would clear the way for rescheduling its crippling debt and avoid being declared in default.

Western banks are not keen on the idea, but some are known to feel they may have to allow Poland more credit rather than risk losing their investments entirely. The Soviet Union Wednesday announced it would help Poland with easy-term credit to cover Warsaw's trade deficit with Moscow, estimated at \$1.85 billion for the first nine months of 1981.

Brandt panel ponders relief to Third World

KUWAIT, Jan. 8 (R) — The Brandt Commission on World Development Friday sought ways to defuse a Third World debt crisis that could harm the Western world's banking system, commissioners said.

High world interest rates diverting money away from productive investment have helped create a critical problem in the poorest countries of the world, they said as the commission began to wind up two days of talks. The Brandt commission, which is trying to close the economic gap between the rich and poor countries of the world, is meeting to follow up on a summit conference of 22 world leaders in Cancun, Mexico, last October.

The commissioners said Friday the world financial situation had worsened considerably in the two years since the group published recommendations for alleviating the plight of the Third World. "The position especially of some less developed countries had become critical and even some middle income developing countries are now having problems repaying their debts," a commissioner said.

"The impact on the Western banking system has been greater than we expected when we wrote our report," he added.

Warsaw gives details of price control

PARIS, Jan. 8 (AFP) — The Polish news agency PAP Thursday gave the first details of the new price system decreed last week to prop up the country's ailing economy.

The system allows for three categories of retail prices — fixed, free and "mobile". Quoting one of the authors of the decree, Prof. Zbigniew Krasinski, PAP said in a broadcast monitored here that wholesale prices were to be brought closer in line with world market prices. It said wholesale prices would be set according to production costs, profits and the need to keep the market stable.

PAP added that fixed retail prices would be set for such staple products as coal, gas, petrol, tobacco, medicine, schoolbooks and public transport, but not for eggs, fresh cream or fruit sold only on the open market. It said prices of services and goods not in great demand would not be controlled.

The report also announced the imposition of a direct and progressive tax on "quick profits" and on salaries. Last week Polish media announced that official prices would be tripled or quadrupled, retail prices would be decontrolled and that the zloty would be devalued against the dollar by 135 percent.

The price measures are seen as aiming to establish a true price base and, thereby, financial and economic stability that in turn should revive the marketplace. But some observers in Warsaw said prices could soar by as much as 800 percent.

EEC donates \$ 25m For development project

BRUSSELS Jan. 8 (AP) — The European Common Market Friday donated \$25 million for development projects in several African, Pacific and Caribbean countries.

The beneficiaries include: Botswana: \$820,000 to pay for improvements in poultry production; Sudan: \$1.3 million for rural development; Belize: \$240,000 to improve the service of Radio Belize; Senegal: \$1.1 million to improve the chemical industry and \$6 million to continue work on a highway between Kedougou to Saraya; Guinea: \$3.8 million for water projects in small villages; Zambia: \$6 million to develop corn farming and Gabon: \$4 million to build a rubber plantation.

The Common Market also donated \$1.3 million to 12 central African countries to build a cultural center and \$2 million for professional training in Fiji, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Seychelles, Ethiopia and Zimbabwe.

Meanwhile Spanish Prime Minister

Brazilian firms to run giant farm

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 8 (Agencies) — U.S. billionaire Daniel Ludwig will hand over his vast Jari project in the Amazon jungle in exchange for a share in the future profits, under a plan being drawn up in Brazil, business sources said Friday.

Under the plan, a group of 21 Brazilian firms will form a \$100 million company to run the project, which produces cellulose, rice and kaolin, the sources said. The Brazilian government, through the country's leading bank, Banco do Brasil, will put up \$180 mil-

lion to re-finance an outstanding debt held by Jari and may receive shares in the project, they said.

Ludwig, 84, who bought 1.6 million hectares of virgin jungle 15 years ago and invested \$1 billion in it, will surrender control of Jari but will start receiving a return on his money from profits in a few years time. The sources, who asked not to be named but are linked to the negotiations, said the plan had not yet been approved by the government.

The sources said the project had been unprofitable because of depreciation of the investment but broke even in the second half of 1981 and with new capital should be profitable in the future. The main share in the new company will be held by Brazil's largest private mining group, Companhia Auxiliadora de Empresas de Mineracao (CAEMI), headed by Augusto de Azevedo Antunes, a long-time Associate of Ludwig.

Under the proposal CAEMI will invest \$40 million in exchange for the project's deposits of kaolin, a fine white clay used among other things for making porcelain, the sources said. The \$180 million debt to be taken over by the Banco do Brasil, is owed to a Japanese company for a floating wood pulp mill, which Ludwig had towed around the world and up the Amazon to Jari. A provisional date of five years from now has been set for the start of dividends to Ludwig, who intends to direct them to his cancer research institute in Switzerland, the sources said.

Report says EEC food aid mismanaged

BRUSSELS, Jan. 8, (R) — West European food aid to developing countries in 1980 was hampered by delays, poor quality and inaccurate budgeting, according to an official report released Friday.

The annual report of the European Economic Community (EEC) court of auditors criticized the community's executive commission and council of ministers for numerous cases of inefficiency in allocating and distributing aid. In 1980, the EEC spent about \$350 million on sending cereals, skimmed milk powder, butteroil and sugar as free gifts to countries such as Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Egypt.

But in many cases, the food arrived stiled, moist or in damaged containers, according to the auditors. The procedure for granting aid was slow and confused, with ministers taking more than three months to rubber-stamp aid proposals from the commission, the report said. Developing countries often did not fulfil the conditions attached to aid they received, and the regulations allowed wide leeway for fraud, it said.

The commission's budgetary allocations for food aid bore no relation to the actual payments, the report said.

London stocks market

LONDON, Jan. 8 — Equities were mixed while government bonds added ¼ or ½ point in fairly quiet trading, dealers said. At 1500 hours the Financial Times index was up 0.9 at 530.4.

Chemicals were in demand. Glaxo outstanding with a 12p rise to 434, while ICI was up 4p. Electricals were depressed, with Thorn off 15p at 445 and GEC down 2p and 3p respectively. Elsewhere, movements of a penny or two either way were the norm, although Lucas managed a 5p gain. Gold shares and north American names were narrowly mixed.

Discount houses, marked sharply lower Thursday after the Smith St. Aubyn rights issue announcement, managed gains of a few pence, dealers said. Smith itself was up 2p to 38 compared with 131 before the announcement. Union recovered well with a 10p gain to 408 against 403 at the start Thursday.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

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Frankfurt	463.27
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	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.00	9.07	
Bangladesh Taka	15.10	15.10	
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	86.10	
Canadian Dollar	—	288.50	
Deutsche Mark (100)	151.50	151.25	
Dutch Guilder (100)	138.25	137.95	
Egyptian Pound	3.50	3.95	
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.00	93.15	
French Franc (100)	59.75	59.60	
Greek Drachma (1,000)	55.00	59.25	
Indian Rupee (100)	—	37.40	
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	
Israeli Sheqel (100)	6.50	—	
Italian Lira (10,000)	28.60	28.30	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	15.50	
Jordanian Dinar	10.16	10.11	
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.15	12.15	
Lebanese Lira (100)	74.10	73.75	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	60.50	64.35	
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	34.68	
Philippines Peso (100)	—	42.25	
Pound Sterling	6.58	6.55	
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.05	
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	167.35	
Swiss Franc (1,000)	—	35.20	
Swiss Franc (100)	187.50	187.10	
Syrian Lira (100)	58.70	63.50	
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As Williams, Brown excel

Supersonics hoodwink Rockets

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (AP) — Seattle's Jack Sikma won the battle of the big men with Houston's Moses Malone, but it was a couple of smaller players who stole the show at the end.

While most eyes were watching the two high-profile players battle it out under the boards, Gus Williams and Fred Brown assumed command of the National Basketball Association game from their backcourt positions Thursday.

The two Seattle guards scored the game's last eight points to lead the Supersonics to a 116-107 victory over the Rockets despite a 33-point performance by another guard, Houston's Calvin Murphy.

"Seattle was able to capitalize on the mistakes that we made and turned the game around at the end," said Houston coach Del Harris. "You saw two of the most exciting sixth men ever to play pro basketball in Freddie (Brown) and Calvin (Murphy)." Brown and Williams each would up with 24 points. Sikma, meanwhile, had 25 and the Seattle center also outbounded Malone, Houston's muscleman, 19-9.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was San Antonio 123, Golden State 112; Washington 109, Cleveland 100; Kansas City 107, New York 103; Phoenix 110, Detroit 94; Dallas 113, San Diego 112.

Spurs 123, Warriors 112: George Gervin, the league's leading scorer, tallied 45 points in leading San Antonio over Golden State. Gervin, averaging 33 points a game, connected on 15 of his 28 shots, added five assists and pulled down five rebounds. Gervin also had a perfect night at the foul line, sinking all 15 attempts.

Bullets 109, Cavaliers 100: Greg Ballard scored 27 points and Jeff Ruland scored 23



Gus Williams



Fred Brown

points to lead Washington over Cleveland. Washington gained its fifth triumph in eight games, while the Cavaliers fell to their fifth straight defeat and the 24th in their last 27 outings. Washington led 101-98 with 2:30 to go. Ruland, however, hit a pair of foul shots. Ballard made a layup and Don Collins sank a layup and two free throws to give the Bullets a 109-98 advantage.

Kings 107, Knicks 103: Larry Drew scored 18 points, eight in the final quarter, to lead Kansas City over New York. Drew's layup with 2:46 left gave Kansas City a 105-99 advantage but baskets by Bill Cartwright and Michael Ray Richardson cut the margin to two before Kansas City's Steve Johnson hit a pair of free throws with 13 seconds left for the final score.

Suns 110, Pistons 94: Len Robinson scored

Frawley upsets Warwick

Amaya, Pfister lose head and match

LONDON, Jan. 8 (AFP) — Americans Victor Amaya and Hank Pfister were fined 250 pounds for calling the umpire a cheat in their match with Britain's Buster Mottram and John Lloyd in the World Doubles Championships at the National Exhibition Center, Birmingham Thursday.

Mottram and Lloyd played well above expectations to beat them 7-6, 6-2 and, in two hours and 11 minutes.

As the players left the court, umpire Roger Smith claimed that Pfister had called him "a cheat."

Smith said, "I have never cheated anyone in my life and I take great exception to him saying that. Pfister said 'I wanted one woman linesman removed. She had made three or four wrong calls in the first set including one

at set point. They were bad mistakes and she should have gone. Certainly I felt the umpire was cheating."

Buster Mottram considered the Americans had a case and added: "I thought the umpiring was appalling and the Americans were right to complain."

In a later match Heinz Gunthardt of Switzerland and Balazs Taroczy of Hungary beat Fritz Buehning and Peter Fleming of the United States 7-6, 6-3, 7-6.

Meanwhile, Wimbledon semifinalist Rod Frawley advanced a step closer to winning his first singles title when he defeated fellow Australian and second seed Kim Warwick 3-6, 7-6, 7-6 in a quarter final match in the South Australian Open.

After losing the tie breaker 7-6 and the

match, Warwick angrily said a few words to umpire Ian Basey, threw his towel away in disgust and left the court without the usual interview.

Frawley, 29, who coached in Germany for four years between 1972 and 1976 before becoming a pro in the international circuit has reached several Grand Prix finals but has never won one. Frawley, the eighth seed here, will meet John James in the semifinals.

James, originally from Adelaide but now lives in New York, defeated another Australian David Carter 6-4, 6-2.

American Lloyd Bourne was too accomplished for 16-year-old Australian Pat Cash, winning the quarter final 6-3, 6-3. He will meet the winner of the bout between Americans Tim Mayotte and Steven Krulvitz.

Jaeger advances with a degree of comfort

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP) — Third-seeded Andrea Jaeger, ousted Leslie Allen 6-2, 6-2 Thursday evening to advance into the quarterfinals of the \$200,000 Avon Tennis Championships of Washington.

Earlier Thursday, Barbara Potter defeated Julie Harrington in straight sets, 6-1, 6-3 to advance to the quarterfinal round.

Jaeger, 16, who gave away 8 inches (20 cms) and 45 pounds (20 kgs) to her opponent, dominated Allen with pin-point cross-court forehands as Allen made several unforced errors.

Jaeger took control early as she broke Allen's service three times in the first set and twice more in the final set. Martina Navratilova the No. 2 seed, faced Joanne Russell later Thursday. West Germany's Sylvia Hanika, No. 4, drew Kathy Rinaldi, at 14, the youngest player on the women's tour.

Potter, the tournament's No. 7 seed, took advantage of her powerful first serve to keep Harrington pinned to the baseline. Moving in behind her own service, Potter used her net game to break her opponent repeatedly in the first set. "I served well and was able to get a jump on the match. I thought Julie became a little tentative after my good start," Potter said.

Harrington, who was bothered by a stiff shoulder early in the match, was more active in the second set as the players split the first six games.

In the seventh, Potter broke Harrington's serve first pulling Harrington to the net with a drop shot and then lofting Harrington's return over her head. Holding the advantage for the point, Potter went crosscourt with a blistering forehand to take a 4-3 lead.

Potter, 20, came into her own on the

women's tour last year, reaching the quarterfinals of six tournaments on the winter tour, the third round of the U.S. Open and the final 16 at five tournaments, including Wimbledon, she starts the 1982 season as the world's 10th best player.

The tournament's top seed, Tracy Austin, was upset by Anne Smith on Wednesday night, marking the first time Austin has not advanced to a quarterfinal round in nearly three years.

In the King's Cup men's European indoor Championships West Germany beat Great Britain 2-1 in Division One Group 'A' in West Germany Thursday night.

Peter Elter beat Jeremy Dier 6-2, 6-3 to Germany ahead before Uli Pinner beat John Feaver 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 to make it 2-0. However, Christopher Ziff and Hans-Dieter Beutel went down to John Whiteford and John Feaver 7-6, 6-7, 5-7 in the doubles.

BRIEFS

HONG KONG, (AFP) — Hong Kong champion Kelvin NG beat Filipino veteran Manuel Valleramos 6-1, 7-5, 6-3 in the Davis Cup Eastern Zone first Round Tournament Friday. Filipino, Rodolfo Gabriel, had defeated Hong Kong's Pang Chi-Yuen 6-2, 2-6, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, in an earlier singles. The two sides are now level 1-1 in the series.

ADELAIDE, (AP) — Australia's Craig Ferris is the new world champion in the International 420 Class Yachts. The 20-year-old Sydney skipper sealed the series with a fine victory in the sixth and final heat at the Brighton and Seaclyde Yacht Club in Adelaide. The last heat was a Cliffhanger with Ferris and Queenslanders Rob Lea both in a position to take the title.

CARDIFF, (AFP) — Heavy snowfall has caused the Welsh Rugby Federation to cancel Saturday's match between the touring Australian Rugby Union and the Barbarians at Cardiff Arms Park, a spokesman said. The Barbarians match at Cardiff is traditionally the final game for sides touring the British Isles.

CARDIFF, (AFP) — Clive Burgess, "player of the year" in Wales last season, has failed to win back his place in the Rugby Union team to play Ireland in Dublin on Saturday. The Welsh selectors have decided to make just one change from the side that beat Australia 18-13 last month, restoring David Richards to the center, at the expense of his Swansea clubmate, Alan Donovan.

CRAWLEY, (AP) — China dominated play Thursday, first day of the English Open Table Tennis Championships. China 'A' and 'B' qualified for the semifinals in both men's and women's team competitions.

LONDON, (AFP) — Pat Cowdell's challenge to hold Salvador Meluzzo of Italy for the European featherweight crown will take place at Wembley Arena, London on March 30, it was announced Thursday. The Birmingham boxer needs time to recover from the bad cuts he received when narrowly failing to wrest the World Boxing Council title from Mexican Salvador Sanchez in Houston, Texas last month.

LISBON, (AFP) — A total of 22 countries from five continents will send teams to the World Rink Hockey (hockey on roller skates) Championships in Portugal from May 1 to 16. The Portuguese Federation said Thursday.

Coe snatches another first

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Agencies) — Athlete Sebastian Coe, holder of three world records, is to appear on British television in a milk drink commercial.

Coe, the fastest man in the world over 800 and 1,000 meters and one mile, is the first Briton to take advantage of the new regulation allowing track-and-field athletes to advertise without endangering their amateur status.

The 25-year-old Olympic 1,500 meters champion will earn 30,000 sterling (\$57,000) for a series of 20-second commercials. The money will be paid to the British Amateur Athletics Board who will use some of the fee to develop the sport and place Coe's lion's share in a trust fund until he retires from the track.

Meanwhile, it was announced in Paris that, Bernard Hinault, former world cycling champion and three-year sponsorship program with sports group Renault-Gitane, who have backed him since the start of his career.

The contract commits the 27-year-old cyclist until the end of the 1985 season, one year from the date when he says he intends to retire from the saddle. Observers believe he hopes to cash in during his last season by playing his regular sponsors off against other would-be backers.

The contract has been in the offing for some time, but was only signed on Tuesday. Hinault's 1982 program will be published on January 18.

Cyrille Guimard, manager of the AS 53 team, the group in whose name Hinault and the other Renault riders compete, is going to Italy next week to meet the organizers of the tour of Italy.



Geoff Boycott... the controversial cricketer

Boycott's return raises eyebrows

LONDON, Jan. 8 (AP) — England batsman Geoff Boycott arrived back in Britain Friday but refused to talk about his sudden departure from India, where the England team currently is touring.

Boycott flew into Heathrow airport but declined to speak to reporters and left in a taxi. The London Evening Standard reported that the controversial Yorkshire County player had been sent home from the tour because he played golf instead of fielding on the last day of the Calcutta Test match.

Officially the 41-year-old batsman was released from the tour on health grounds. He had complained of being "listless."

England manager Ramon Subba Row was quoted in India as saying that Boycott had not been sent home for disciplinary reasons.

Dutch rider killed in Paris-Dakar Rally

TAMARASSET, Algeria, Jan. 8 (AFP) — French brothers Bernard and Claude Marreau in a Renault 20 turbo have taken the lead in the auto section of the Paris-Dakar Rally at the end of the Bordj Omar Driss-Tit stage near here Thursday.

They are just four seconds ahead of the Mercedes 280 GE of four times winner of the Le Mans 24 hours race Belgian Jacky Ickx and French actor Claude Brasseur.

In the motorcycle section now led by another Frenchman Philippe Vassard on Honda 550 XR, the rally was marred by the death Thursday of Dutch motorcyclist Bert Oosterhuis, 41, who fell from his Yamaha XT midway through the tough 565 kilometers (314 miles) desert stage.

A medical team of four doctors and a surgeon fought for three and a half hours to try and save him both with a blood transfusion taken arm to arm from organizer Thierry Sabine and head of the medical team Hubert Lasnier and with an on-the-

European Soccer
W. Germany, England drawn in easy groups

PARIS, Jan. 8, (R) — The five former winners of the European Soccer Championship met with mixed fortunes when the preliminary group draw for the 1984 tournament to be staged in France was made Friday.

Holders West Germany, who also won the title in 1972, look to have a fairly straightforward assignment in Group Six against long-time rivals Austria, Albania, Northern Ireland and Turkey. Fellow World Cup qualifiers Austria and Northern Ireland will be the main threats to their hopes of a third triumph in four attempts. But West Germany, who won the 1980 championship in Italy by beating Belgium 2-1 in the final, beat Austria twice when they were paired in the same World Cup qualifying section.

Unlike the World Cup, only the seven group winners will join France, automatic qualifiers as the host nation, in the final stages and three former European champions can expect strong campaigns when the ties are played between August 1, 1982 and December 31, 1983. The two matches between Italy, the 1968 champions, and Czechoslovakia, the 1976 title-winners, should ultimately decide the outcome of Group Five, leaving Romania, Sweden and Cyprus to fight for the lesser placings.

The Czechoslovaks can consider themselves somewhat unfortunate not to have been seeded into an easier section after filling third place in 1980. Ironically, Italy were their opponents in the third-place play-off, the Czechoslovaks winning a marathon penalty shoot-out 9-8 after the teams had drawn 1-1.

Spain, winners back in 1964 and World

Cup hosts later this year, can expect a two-pronged challenge from Ireland and the Netherlands in Group Seven which is completed by Ireland and Malta.

The Dutch, with no interest in the 1982 World Cup, will be eager to repair their dented reputation while the Irish, one of the most exciting sides in the continent, are still improving. The Soviet Union, winners of the first European Championship in 1960, will be hot favorites to top Group Two although they can expect a battle royal when they travel to Poland. The other two sides in the section are Portugal and Finland.

England, mysteriously seeded in Group Three although a third place in 1968 is their best effort, enjoyed another large slice of good luck when they were drawn in Group Three with Hungary, Greece, Luxembourg and Denmark.

England's only serious threat would appear to be Hungary, who were also their rivals in the World Cup. Luxembourg will be hoping their home tie with England is trouble-free because they had threatened never to play the English again after visiting fans went on the rampage in 1977.

The groupings are: Group One: Belgium, East Germany, Scotland, Switzerland, Group Two: Poland, Soviet Union, Portugal, Finland, Group Three: England, Hungary, Greece, Denmark, Luxembourg, Group Four: Yugoslavia, Wales, Bulgaria, Norway, Group Five: Italy, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Sweden, Cyprus, Group Six: West Germany, Austria, Northern Ireland, Turkey, Albania, Group Seven: Spain, Netherlands, Ireland, Iceland and Malta.

In World Cup Hockey

Pakistan set for key tie

By G. K. Menon
Special Correspondent

BOMBAY, Jan. 8 — The top four teams in the World Cup Hockey Tournament have earned a well deserved rest. It is the same quartet as at Buenos Aires, but the semifinal pairings is not the same.

In the 1977 World Cup at Buenos Aires, Pakistan clashed with the Netherlands in the final and won the Cup for the second time with a 5-3 victory. On the League showing it looks like it is Pakistan's Cup for the third time. Pakistan practised at the Karnataka ground and watched a video tape later to study tactics and techniques applied by the Dutch against India.

Saturday's matches are devoted for minor placings. Once again India will be among the

eight teams playing for a place closer to the top four in the matches that follow. India, the only team which Pakistan were worried to meet, takes on New Zealand, followed by the Poland-Soviet Union tussle. It is creditable for the Russians to finish ahead of established countries like Spain, England and Malaysia.

Sunday's semifinals, where Pakistan meets Netherlands first and Australia battles with West Germany next, should provide a keen fare. Pakistan has dominated the matches against the Netherlands, on previous occasions and should be the ones to go through to the final.

While the other semifinal should be close, Australia has improved with every game, with the Germans rarely showing a flair for offense.

Craig Stadler forges ahead

TUCSON, Arizona, Jan. 8 (AP) — Craig Stadler had the lead and Johnny Miller, though five shots back, had his target score in the \$300,000 Joe Garagiola-Tucson Open, the opening event on the 10-month Pro Golf Tour.

"Before the tournament started, I said I'd be happy to shoot 70," Miller recalled. "Well, that's what I got. Two birdies and two bogeys and lots of 2-putts. I'm pleased with it."

Miller, a four-time winner of this event and the defending champion, won the biggest prize in the history of the game, \$500,000, for his playoff triumph Sunday in a \$1 million tournament in Bophuthatswana, then hurried back to defend his title here.

"I'm better than I was Thursday, but I'm still not right," Miller said Thursday. "I fig-

ure it (the trip) cost me about three strokes. I should be back to normal by Saturday."

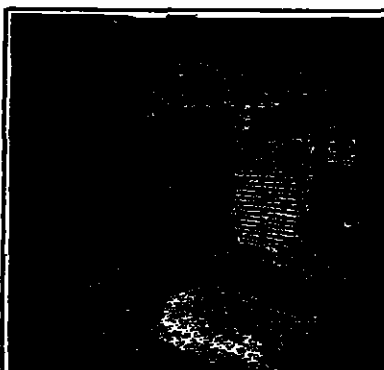
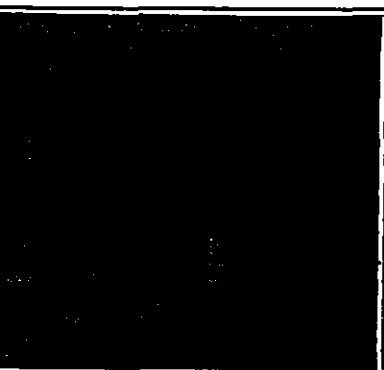
Stadler set the pace in the first round with a 5-under-par 65 that, he said, could have been better.

Al Geiberger, whose health problems have jeopardized his career on three occasions, opened his 22nd season of tour activity with a 66 that included birdies on his last three holes. Tied at 67, two off the lead and 3-under-par on the rain-soaked, 6,797-yard Randolph Municipal course, were Alan Tapie, Leonard Thompson, Scott Simpson and Jay Haas. Bruce Lietzke, a two-time Tucson winner, had a 71. So did PGA champ Larry Nelson. Hale Irwin was in a group at 69.

Stadler bogeyed his first hole, got the shot back with a birdie on the next, then started a string of three consecutive birdies.

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Irene Eppler bags third title

PFRONTEN, West Germany, Jan. 8 (AFP) — West German skier Irene Eppler won her third Giant Slalom of the season, at the same time closing the gap on Switzerland's Erika Hess in the World Cup standings.

By winning the Pfronten event the 24-year-old medical student proved her challenge that she would triumph in her own country. After clocking the best time in the first section, Eppler finally outpaced Hess by more than a second.

The first Downhill at Grindelwald in Austria, which is combined with Friday's race, will show if Eppler still has a chance to overtake the 19-year-old Swiss skier in the World Cup rankings.

She will not have an easy task there, to judge by her current form. Eppler beat Switzerland's Zoe Hass by only a hundredth of a second on the first section, and on the second she showed all her talent, but was behind on the halfway stage and forced victory on "the level".

The Eppler sisters' ambition to achieve a double was not realised, though younger sister Maria did well to place third. It was a disappointing day for French skiers, and Elisabeth Chaud, who snatched first place from Eppler in the St. Gervais Giant Slalom,

finished well down the list Friday.

Meanwhile, the men's World Cup Downhill Skiing race scheduled at Morzine-Avoriaz, France, Friday was canceled because rain and fog prevented the holding of the two compulsory time trials.

Discussions were taking place to try to make arrangements to hold the Giant Slalom, which should have taken place at Val d'Isere at the start of the season, Saturday.

The Giant Slalom programed for Morzine-Avoriaz Sunday will go ahead as planned. It was reported in Paris, that the success of East German Nordic skier Manfred Deckert in the "Four Peaks" Ski Jumping Classic has also taken him to the top of the World Cup standings, displacing Roger Ruud of Norway.

Deckert's fifth position at Bischofshofen, Austria, Wednesday was enough to win him the famed Four Peaks event. He began the tournament by placing second at Oberstdorf, West Germany, behind junior world champion Matti Nykanen of Finland, and was second again in the second-leg at Garmisch, also in West Germany, behind Ruud.

Deckert was joint winner with Norway's Per Bergerud in the third leg at Innsbruck, Austria, and it mattered little to him that Austria's Herbert Neuper did best in Bischofshofen jumping.

Nandy falls three short of century

JAMSHEDPUR, India Jan. 8 (AP) — India's East Zone was 189 for seven at the close of the opening day of the three-day cricket match against the touring England team at Janshedpur's Keenan Stadium Friday.

Graham Gooch, who led the visitors in the absence of Keith Fletcher, won the toss but put the home side to bat on a wicket that had some grassy spots.

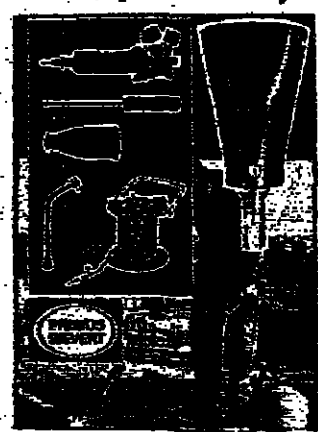
East Zone lost the wicket of 22-year-old Pranab Roy, who has been included in the Indian team for the fifth Test at Madras, in the second over of its innings. Roy tried to play a straight delivery from left-arm speedster John Lever on the backfoot and fell leg-before-wicket.

Palash Nady and Arun Lal collected 50 runs for the second-wicket before Lal was clean bowled by pacer Graham Dille.

Nandy hit an aggressive knock of 97 runs, studded with 14 fours. The stylish opener returned to the pavilion after giving an easy return catch to Paul Allott, who also dismissed two other East Zone batsmen.

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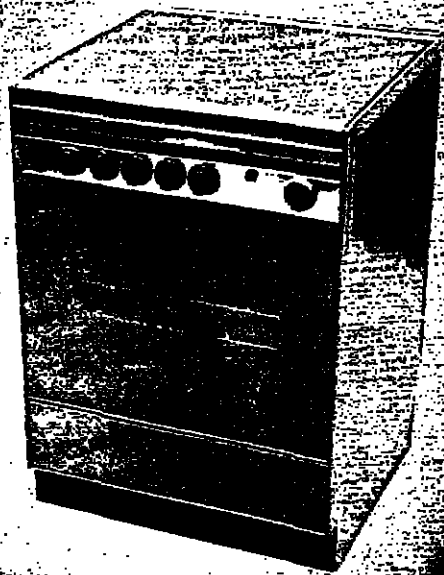
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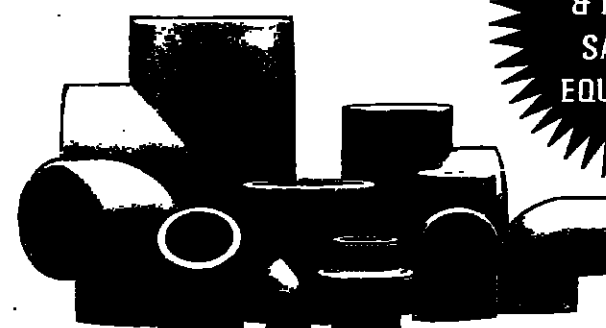
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International

Martial law success claimed

West defers meeting on Poland

BRUSSELS, Jan. 8 (R) — Western countries have given up the idea of convening an early meeting on Poland of the foreign ministers of the 35 states that signed the Helsinki agreement on detente and human rights, diplomatic sources said Friday.

Some nonaligned or neutral states among the 35 did not support the Western proposal intended as a forum to denounce human rights violations in Poland, they said. Instead, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) members are now thinking about sending their foreign ministers to Madrid when the marathon review conference on European security resumes there on Feb. 9.

The suggestion will be discussed at a meeting of NATO foreign ministers here Monday at which the United States and its allies will strive to agree on a joint response to the Polish military crackdown.

Foreign ministers of the European Economic Community (EEC) said after a meeting here Monday that developments in Poland constituted a grave violation of the principles of the Helsinki final act.

"The ten therefore consider that the Madrid conference should discuss them as soon as possible at ministerial level. The ten will make approaches to the neutral and nonaligned states to propose an early resumption of the Madrid meeting," they said in a communique.

The idea of a special Madrid foreign ministers' meeting was endorsed by President Ronald Reagan and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt when they met in Washington Tuesday. The United States, Canada and all European countries except Albania belong to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE).

Meanwhile, the official PAT news agency reported Friday that Poland is strike-free for the first time in 18 months. It quoted Deputy Interior Minister Boguslaw Stachura as telling a parliamentary committee that military rule, the arrest of thousands of union activists and the smashing of strikes had put the country on the road to recovery.

Stachura gave the committee the most comprehensive account yet made public by the authorities of their crackdown on the Solidarity free trade union on Dec. 13.

He told vividly of the killing of eight miners in a clash with militiamen at a coal pit in Katowice province, of the breaking of strikes at big factories and of the conditions in which more than 5,000 internees are living, PAP said.

His report Thursday said that since the last strike ended on Dec. 28, Poland was free of any industrial dispute for the first time since July 1980. Martial law had snuffed out all serious opposition and "society sighed with relief" when it was imposed, Stachura said.

"For most citizens, decisive improvement of public order is welcome compensation for all the inconveniences," he added. Stachura said the death toll in protests against the emergency was nine and that 5,067 trade unionists and dissidents were being detained.

A Solidarity statement circulated by underground channels, however, said the government was attempting to confuse society in order to find a way out of the deadlock it had created for itself.

The martial law authorities announced Tuesday that talks had begun with leaders of Solidarity and the government-approved official trade unions at the Ministry of Trade Union Affairs. The participants were not named.

Another Solidarity statement signed by the same group gave a list of conditions for agreement between the union and the government. They included the lifting of martial law, the release of all detainees, the restoration of free trade union activity.

California notified 'disaster area'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AFP) — President Ronald Reagan declared California a disaster area following three days of torrential rain and floods in which at least 23 persons died, 20 were reported missing and over 80 houses were destroyed.

Damage is already put at over \$200 million and the federal government is to step in with financial help while the army aids in rescue operations and sets up shelters.

Five counties were badly affected by landslides and mud floods, from north of San Francisco to Santa Cruz. Several bridges were swept away and the Pacific Ocean has turned the color of mud for several miles off the coastline.

The San Francisco Golden Gate Bridge was closed for the second time in its 50-year history Wednesday and a number of roads and freeways were cut by torrents carrying boulders and trees following rainfalls of more than 13 inches on one single day.

Russian to be shot

MOSCOW, Jan. 8 (AFP) — A Soviet industrial official will be shot for economic crimes — adulterating fruit juice with chemicals and thus causing the deaths of several persons while making large financial profits, the Georgian newspaper *Dawn of the Orient* reported Friday.

Nikolai Chuburidze was said to have given bribes of 9,000 and 41,000 to two magistrates to escape trial. Western observers believe that several hundred persons are executed in the Soviet Union each year for economic crimes.

tion of banned institutions and a legal investigation by parliament into those responsible for the declaration of martial law.

In what was interpreted by analysts as a sign of growing government confidence that martial law was succeeding, Western observers reported the withdrawal Thursday from the Warsaw area of up to half the estimated 40,000 troops stationed around the city since the imposition of martial law.

The withdrawal nonetheless left seven

times the normal number of troops stationed around the city and did not appear to affect the security presence in the streets of the capital itself. The army has so far been used mainly to create an outer security cordon, while police and special military security forces have borne the brunt of the action.

Meanwhile, Poland's minister for economic reform, Wladyslaw Baka, said Thursday night that U.S. sanctions had already harmed the country's finances.

Conceding kidnappers' demands

Manotocs print message

MANILA, Jan. 8 (AFP) — The family of amateur golfer Tomas Manotoc published a coded message in a newspaper here Friday indicating they were ready to negotiate over the son's alleged kidnapping.

Manotoc, 32, who secretly married President Ferdinand Marcos' eldest daughter Imee, 26, in the United States last month, disappeared ten days ago. His family said Friday they have yet to receive convincing proof from his alleged kidnappers that he is alive.

The family had dismissed as "fakes" two ransom notes allegedly signed by their missing son, but military authorities persuaded the family to reply to the kidnappers according to their instructions to keep communication lines open.

The controversial notes, one received Jan. 2 and another Wednesday, had listed a \$2.5 million ransom and the release of four top Communist prisoners among their demands and instructed the family to indicate their willingness to meet the demands by advertising their family home "for sale" in a newspaper. The advertisement appeared Friday.

The Manotocs, a prominent Manila family, pointed out that only President Marcos has the power to grant the political demands of the alleged kidnappers. The president, however, has not made known his response.

Earlier, he had ordered the military to investigate the case, but at the same time denouncing the Manotoc family for issuing what he said were "contemptuous and cheap" statements insinuating him in the disappearance because he disapproved of

the marriage. The presidential palace said the marriage was indeed unacceptable because of Manotoc's previous marriage to Aurora Pijuan, Miss International (1970). Although Manotoc obtained a divorce from Miss Pijuan in the Dominican Republic in October, divorce is not recognized in the Philippines, official statements stress.

Reports in the government-controlled local press have stressed the opposition links of the Manotoc family, specifically that two of Manotoc's aunts are married to prominent United States-based opposition leaders.

While the presidential family and the Manotocs swap charges of complicity in the kidnapping, a nonchalant Imee told reporters Friday that she had "nothing to say" regarding either her marriage to Manotoc or his disappearance.

Imee, who had been romantically linked to Manotoc since early last year, has continued to attend classes at the University of the Philippines' College of Law. Tommy, who is a basketball coach and champion amateur golfer, was last seen dining with Imee in a Makati district restaurant. Several phone calls from Imee the night after he disappeared had raised concern over a possible kidnapping. Manotoc family members had said.

While the nation waits, the Manotocs insist that the Marcoses themselves are involved. The Marcoses say this could be an opposition plot to embarrass them. The military suggest that a sophisticated "Red Brigade type" of group may be implicated while the disputed ransom note points to possible Communist insurgent action.

Iglesias death claim doubted

MADRID, Jan. 8 (AFP) — An anonymous telephone call to a Lisbon radio station claiming that ETA Basque separatists had "executed" Julio Iglesias, the kidnapped father of the Spanish singer of the same name, was thrown into doubt Friday both by informed Basque sources and the abducted man's own family.

Basque sources in Bilbao said the ETA group had a self-imposed rule requiring that all ETA actions be claimed quickly, in statements to specific newspapers in the Basque region of northern Spain. Last Tuesday's abduction of Basque industrialist Jose Liperheide was claimed within 24 hours by the ETA, the sources noted. Iglesias, a gynecologist, was kidnapped 10 days ago.

Moreover, the Basque sources said, the 150 million pesetas (\$1.55 million) in ransom mentioned over the Portuguese radio seemed far too small, considering the 500 million pesetas (\$5.15 million) the ETA received in ransom last year in exchange for releasing Valencia businessman Luis Suñer.

The family also expressed doubt about the Lisbon claim, saying they have not heard from the kidnappers. Police also said there has been no contact between the abductors

and them or the family.

A ranking member of the judiciary police, quoted by the *Diario* newspaper, suggested that the gynecologist may not even have been kidnapped. "If someone told me to sign (a statement) that it's an abduction, I would refuse," the unidentified police officer was quoted as saying.

Some sources close to the family even suggested that an end to the 10-day episode may not be far off. Julio Iglesias, the singer, opened his Miami, Florida, home to reporters Thursday for the first time since the abduction. Some newspapers, quoting sources close to the family, said he was getting the house ready for the return of his father.

The Roman Catholic newspaper *Ya*, which was among those reporting the singer's house preparations, also said the affair might be resolved in two to three days.

Meanwhile, thousands of other Madrid residents joined investigations and telegrams continued to pour in to both the elder Iglesias family's residence in Madrid and his son's home in Miami. Even King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia expressed their support for the family.

France can produce neutron bomb

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AFP) — France is technically capable of producing the neutron bomb but has not yet decided to do so, defense Minister Charles Hernu said in an interview published here Friday.

Hernu, who is paying an official visit to the United States, said in *The Washington Post* that the French government had opted only to continue research and tests on the bomb. "As far as production and deployment go, the president is still studying the file," Hernu said, adding: "Technically we know we can produce them but that decision has yet to be made."

Hernu emphasized that in contrast to the strategies of the United States and the Soviet

Union whose borders were at considerable distance, French strategy focused on achieving a speedy tactical response to a potential aggressor. "We are budgeting for everything that can gain us time," he said.

Hernu said that one of the problems he wanted to go into while in Washington was that of "security of communications, a subject of the (President Ronald) Reagan administration is also emphasizing."

Hernu said his next job on his return home from Washington would be to meet the Ethiopian defense minister. Referring to Ethiopian reliance on Soviet backing, Hernu recalled that Egypt and Somalia, once in a similar position, had since expelled all Soviet personnel.

UDR member shot dead in Belfast

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Jan. 8 (AP) — A part-time member of the Ulster Defense Regiment was shot dead Friday in north Belfast, police said.

The man, in his mid-20s, was killed by two gunmen as he opened a gasoline station he managed, police said.

The victim, whose name was not immediately released, was the second person to die in terrorist violence in the British province this year and the first UDR man slain in 1982. Thirteen were killed in 1981. The UDR is a chiefly Protestant, locally recruited regiment of the British Army.

The IRA's "Provisional" wing later said in a statement that it was responsible for the slaying. The statement was issued by the Republican Information Center in Belfast.

Commuters burn train

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 8 (R) — Angry commuters set fire to and almost destroyed a suburban passenger train after a 90-minute stoppage because of a signal failure, eyewitnesses said.

The passengers became increasingly irate Thursday as the minutes ticked by and the train failed to move.

Syria move depends on U.N. votes

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 8 (R) — The votes of Spain, Panama and Zaire could be crucial in deciding whether Syria presses its demand for Security Council sanctions against Israel to a vote, diplomats said Friday.

The council was due to resume its debate later on Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights, captured from Syria in the 1967 war, but no resolution was expected to be presented until next week.

Diplomats said Syria might be prepared to settle for a milder resolution unless its demand for sanctions against Israel were assured of at least nine votes in the 15-member Council.

With nine votes, Syria could claim at least a moral victory by forcing the United States, and possibly Britain and France, to cast vetoes. Without nine votes, a resolution would simply fail and any votes cast against it by the big powers would not count as vetoes. According to observers, Spain, Panama and Zaire are the only council members whose position on sanctions remains uncertain.

Seven members — China, Guyana, Jordan, Poland, the Soviet Union, Togo and Uganda — were thought virtually certain to support punitive measures against Israel. Five — Britain, France, Ireland, Japan and the United States — were likely to abstain or vote against.

The United States was believed working behind the scenes to try to persuade the uncommitted delegations not to support sanctions.

U.S. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, who has not yet spoken in the debate, declined to comment to reporters Thursday night on the U.S. attitude to a possible sanctions resolution.

But she said: "The United States generally does not think that mandatory sanctions are an effective policy or an appropriate response for the United Nations in virtually any situations. That is just our national policy, globally speaking."

She said there should be no surprise if the wishes of the majority in the Security Council debate were not implemented. That was the norm for the United Nations, she said.

Asked what she would consider appropriate measures in response to Israel's refusal to rescind its annexation, she said: "It has been agreed by huge majorities at the United Nations that foreign troops should withdraw from Afghanistan. Foreign troops in Afghanistan, you might say, have been declared guilty, but there have been no appropriate measures," she said. Similarly, she added, Vietnamese troops in Kampuchea had been declared guilty of intervention in the internal affairs of others, but again there had been no appropriate measures.

Flight Lt. Jerry Rawlings seized power on New Year's Eve at the head of a Provisional National Defense Council (PNDC). Informed sources said the march culminated in a rally in the capital's Black Star Square.

Rawlings has vowed to fight a "holy war" against corruption and said people's tribunals would be set up to try "crimes against the people." He has scrapped all democratic institutions.

Little independent news has filtered out of Ghana since the takeover, but the sources said the PNDC is in full control and quickly ended initial looting and shooting. Accra Airport and Ghana's land borders were due to reopen Friday, according to a PNDC statement Thursday night, but Ghanaians wanting to travel abroad will not be able to obtain exit visas until next Monday.

According to refugees arriving in the Nigerian capital Lagos, Ghana faces a civil war following the coup by Rawlings, an action supported essentially by the southern Ewe minority tribe.

Meanwhile an independent source in Lagos said that during the past 48 hours he had spoken in Lagos with four officials whose arrest had been previously announced by the revolutionary authorities over Accra radio.

One of the four, a minister, told him that before leaving northern Ghana following the coup he had met army, air force and police commanders in the region who had pledged their continuing loyalty to President Hilla Limann, the source said. The local military chiefs later provided the minister with an escort to the frontier, the source added.

One member of parliament who arrived in Lagos Thursday night after traveling overland for two days, said that it was difficult to know how many politicians had been detained since parliament was on end of year recess and most members were in their constituencies at the time of the coup.

Spain to lift blockade of Gibraltar

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain and Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo of Spain announced on Friday that a 12-year Spanish blockade of Gibraltar will end on April 20 when negotiations are set to begin on the future of the British crown colony.

The joint announcement was made after discussions at 10 Downing St. between Mrs. Thatcher and Calvo Sotelo, here for a one-day official visit. It was their first meeting.

The reopening of land and sea communications between Spain and the rock at the southern tip of the Iberian peninsula removes an obstacle to Spain's entry into NATO and the European Common Market.

The British colony has been a bone of contention between the two countries since its seizure in 1704 by a British-Dutch fleet after a three-day siege. Ever since then, Spain has claimed sovereignty over Gibraltar. Communications were cut in 1969 by the late Gen. Francisco Franco who closed the frontier.

The communique said that discussions between the two prime ministers "covered a range of international issues including NATO, the European Community and East-West relations. The British prime minister warmly welcomed the prospect of Spain's entry into NATO and accession to the EEC."

"Bilateral relations were also discussed, including Gibraltar. Both governments have agreed to start on April 20, 1982, the negotiations envisaged in the Lisbon statement with the aim of overcoming all the differences between them on Gibraltar. On the same day, direct communications will be re-established as provided for in the Lisbon statement."

The Lisbon agreement of 1980 provided that Spain would lift its blockade as soon as negotiations began on a settlement. That agreement was never implemented.

Gibraltar's position at the entrance to the Mediterranean gives it great strategic significance and Britain has advanced listening devices there to monitor maritime movements. Spain has suspected in the past that Britain also stores nuclear weapons in the limestone rock, honeycombed with caves.

The latest round of moves toward a solution began on April 10, 1980, when British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington and then Spanish Foreign Minister Marcelino Oreja agreed to restore direct communications between the Rock and Spain and to open negotiations on the status of Gibraltar.

Relations took a tumble last summer when Britain's newly married Prince Charles and the Princess of Wales began a honeymoon cruise in Gibraltar. King Juan Carlos turned down an invitation to the July 29 wedding after his government failed to persuade Britain to change the honeymoon plans.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

Of cats and dogs (don't worry, nothing about my aristocratic cat, which is—hope—enjoying its stay in its hotel in Washington).

I asked a British friend of mine once why people here seem to be so keen on cats and dogs. "Am not a cat man myself," he said. "But I consider it absolutely essential for a man to have a dog." I asked him to explain.

"The main reason is that you have to have someone who trusts and likes you so completely that it doesn't mind the odd kick when you are angry. Imagine kicking a human friend! That would be the end of everything, wouldn't it?"

A strange reason, I grant you, but there you are. Yet nastiness to domestic pets of kindness to them does not really tell a great deal about a person. Once in the States a man accused of murder tried to defend himself by claiming that once he crashed his car when trying to avoid hitting a cat, so how could he kill a human being?

The judge rejected the defense utterly. Some of the vilest criminals were known animal lovers. And was not the infamous Goldfinger, in the celebrated James Bond saga of that name, always kind to his white Persian cat?

Finally two animal jokes to see you on your way.

Guest: Why is your dog looking at me like that?

Host: Perhaps because you're eating from his dish...

And:

Visitor: How come you play chess with your dog? It must be very intelligent.

Host: That fool. Never. I beat him every time...

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U.S. defense cost to exceed budget

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP) — Pentagon leaders have been told that the five-year defense buildup plan by the Ronald Reagan administration may cost from \$300 billion to \$750 billion more than projected, *The Washington Post* said in Friday's edition.

The newspaper said the warning was made by Pentagon planners Thursday at a secret session of the Defense Resources Board. One of the planners, Richard D. Delauer, head of weapons research and procurement, said his "best guess" estimate of the potential cost overrun was \$300 billion, according to the *Post*.

Delauer was quoted as also saying in a report that the overrun "could be as large as \$750 billion."

The administration has estimated defense authorizations for the 1984-1988 period at \$1.5 trillion — \$1,500 billion.

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